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**QUOTE: 'I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF BRIBING SOMEBODY TO STAY PUT.'**

— Michael Bloomberg in 2001, on tax breaks for corporations and wealthy landowners

# Big breaks for big businesses

## Corporations cashing in despite Mike's promises to cut tax incentives

By Matthew Sweeney and David Freedlander  
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Tax breaks to corporations and wealthy landowners have ballooned under the Bloomberg administration despite the mayor's long-standing vow to curtail the practice.

The benefits of the Industrial Commercial Incentive Program (ICIP), considered one of the city's biggest giveaways, has long been debated, with Michael Bloomberg among the most vocal opponents of business tax incentives during his mayoral campaign.

"I don't like the idea of bribing somebody to stay put," he told the Associated Press in the summer of 2001.

The new mayor stuck to his guns in the economic crisis after the 9/11 attacks saying, "Any company that makes a decision as to where they are going to be based on the tax rate is a company that won't be around very long."

### Corporate tax breaks blossom

The business breaks have nevertheless multiplied in recent years, even as critics, including the city's own Economic Development Corp., agreed that the money went to wealthy property owners and businesses that would have stayed in New York anyway.

"I would have been perfectly happy to see the whole program sunset," said state Sen. Liz Krueger (D-Manhattan). "I represent midtown. People are still fighting over commercial real estate in midtown."

In 2008 alone, ICIP has cost the city \$512 million in taxes it otherwise would have collected. That is more than double the \$190 million in 2002, Bloomberg's first year in office. The number of busi-



The MetLife Building benefited more than any other building in the city from a tax-incentive program. (AP)

nesses taking advantage of the incentive also increased dramatically, from 3,868 in 2000 to 6,030 in 2008, city records show.

The city argues that the ICIP tax breaks are given out over different spans of time — up to 25 years — so about one-third of the money the city spent last fiscal year was granted before 2001.

"Over time, the ICIP program evolved into an inefficient program that warranted a thorough

examination and, ultimately, reform," said Andrew Brent, a mayoral spokesman.

### Slow pace of reform for flawed program

Brent said it was not until last year that a comprehensive review of the program was completed.

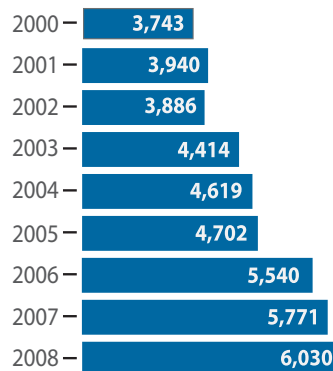
And it was not until this past June that the state Legislature approved an ICIP "reform" bill at the mayor's request. The legislation,



Rite Aid received the most exemptions for a city-funded tax incentive program from 1984-2004. (Jefferson Siegel)

### ON THE RISE

The number of property tax exemptions for commercial and industrial real estate has grown dramatically since 2000.



which will turn the ICIP into an abatement program, could save the city up to \$3.5 billion over a 20-year period if it is adopted by the city council, the Independent Budget Office estimates.

Since 1984, when the ICIP began in an effort to spur the development or renovation of commercial or industrial properties, it largely has been chain corporations — such as Rite Aid and McDonald's — that have benefited from the rubber stamp program. This has left critics wondering-

### TAKING ADVANTAGE

Companies that have received the most number of these exemptions (1984-2004):

1. Rite Aid of New York, Inc.: 137
2. McDonald's Corporation: 112
3. Amerada Hess Corporation: 41
4. ExxonMobil Corporation: 33
5. Amoco Oil Company: 30

whether the incentives are being fairly distributed.

### Misdirected perks, or a 'win-win' deal?

"If we are going to spend hundreds of millions of dollars of economic development subsidies, we want good jobs and manufacturing and grocery stores in low-income neighborhoods to be the focus of the subsidy, not Manhattan office buildings and fast food stores," said Brad Lander, director of the Pratt Center for Community Development.

Supporters, however, argue that particularly during an economic downturn, tax breaks are needed for the city to attract businesses.

"It's a win-win situation for everyone," said Cheryl Slavinsky, a Rite Aid spokeswoman. "We've got quite a bit of property in New York, and we've taken advantage of a great program the city offered."

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## Briefs

**Drivers face violations for riding on 34th St. bus lane**

Police will begin cracking down today on cars in bus-only lanes along 34th Street. All vehicles — except for cars making right turns — are prohibited from driving in the newly painted red lanes between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. weekdays. The lanes were created between 1st and 11th avenues to improve bus speeds on 34th Street, officials said. A news conference on the lanes is set for this afternoon.

(Marlene Naanes)

**Police find man, woman shot in head near Union Sq.**

A man and a woman have been found shot to death inside a Manhattan apartment. Police went to the apartment on East 17th Street near Union Square yesterday afternoon and found the victims both shot in the head. Police said the woman was 72 years old. They did not release the man's age or either victim's identity. Both were pronounced dead at the scene.

(AP)

**Counselor charged with beating disabled student**

Police arrested a counselor at a Long Island center for disabled people on charges he assaulted a student in his care. Christian Clinton, 21, is accused of injuring a disabled juvenile. The student, who police did not name, was hospitalized for head injuries. Clinton is charged with third degree assault and endangering the welfare of an incompetent or mentally handicapped person.

(Newsday)

**Gays march across bridge to support same-sex unions**

Supporters of legalizing same-sex marriage marched across the Brooklyn Bridge yesterday. It was the fifth annual Wedding March, which was started by Marriage Equality New York to send a message about the importance of legalizing same-sex marriage to the gay community. This year, marchers are also supposed to march across bridges in Albany as well as in San Francisco.

(AP)

**Off-duty EMT stabbed to death at Brooklyn apt.**

Police said a man answering a knock early yesterday morning on a Brooklyn door was stabbed two times by the person on the other side of it. The victim, 30, was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The FDNY has confirmed to 1010 WINS that the victim was an off-duty Fire Department EMT. Police said that the assailant, believed to be around 25, fled the Sunset Park scene and is still at large.

(AP)

# A+ idea for clean eateries?

By David Freedlander  
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Diners in city restaurants might be able to see how clean an eatery is before they even see a menu if some state lawmakers get their way.

State Sen. Jeff Klein (D-Bronx) called on the city's Health Department yesterday to give restaurants an A to F letter grade based on their sanitary record

that must be displayed prominently inside the establishment.

"We need to let the public know whether their local eateries are sanitary and clean or filthy and failing inspection time and again," Klein said.

Currently results from inspectors' visits to city eateries are posted on the health department's Web site, and each eatery is given a point score.

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—State Sen. Jeff Klein

An official at the city's Department of Health declined to comment.

Klein also released a list of what he called the "Dirty Dozen" worst restaurants

in the city. Many on the list have already been shut.

Guacamole's, a Mexican restaurant in the West Farms section of the Bronx, got 126 violation points in July. A

restaurant needs to receive below 28 points to pass.

When called for comment, a person who answered the phone at Guacamole's declined to answer questions.

A host at 26 Seats, a new eatery in the East Village, blamed their poor July inspection on renovations.

"It's all brand new now," said the host, who would not give his name. "We reopened and everything is fine."

**Sarah's first Emmy**

Comedian Sarah Silverman won her first Emmy for Outstanding Original Music and Lyrics at the Creative Arts Emmy Awards in Los Angeles. Silverman won the award for a song on "Jimmy Kimmel Live." The Emmys will air this Sunday. (AP)

## Lehman's fate still in balance

But merger may save Merrill Lynch

By Joe Bel Bruno  
and Marty Crutsinger  
The Associated Press

The outlook for Lehman Brothers' future seemed dim yesterday after Barclays PLC withdrew its bid to buy the beleaguered investment bank.

The withdrawal of Barclays, which along with Bank of America Corp. was considered a front-runner to buy Lehman, demonstrated how complicated negotiations over Lehman's fate had become. Also, yesterday it was reported that Bank of America and Merrill Lynch & Co. were involved in merger talks — which would knock Bank of America out of contention as well.

An official said the Treasury Department and the Fed were pushing Bank of America to buy Merrill Lynch. On Friday, Merrill Lynch's shares fell as investors fretted it might be the next investment bank to come under pressure from its portfolio of risky mortgage-backed securities.

The Lehman talks were aimed at selling the investment bank in whole or in

**CORPORATE AID****U.S., foreign banks to pool \$50B for troubled financial companies**

A top investment banking official says U.S. and foreign banks are planning major steps to inoculate the global financial system as a bankruptcy filing by Lehman Brothers appeared likely. The banks would create a pool of money up to \$50 billion to lend troubled financial companies. Officials at the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve are expected to say they are prepared to make additional loans. (AP)

part. The sticking point was the potential buyers' insistence that the Bush administration offer the kind of help it did in brokering the buyout of Bear Stearns Cos. last March, when the government agreed to a \$29 billion loan to buyer JPMorgan Chase & Co. But Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said the government will not help close a Lehman deal.

If no deals are reached, it raises the specter of a bankruptcy and liquidation of the 158-year old investment bank.

## Nixzmary's mother is focus of emotional slay trial

By Anthony M. DeStefano  
Special to amNewYork

When Nixzaliz Santiago appeared in court on charges she killed her 7-year-old daughter, some spectators expressed outrage with buttons saying "Justice for



Nixzmary

Court in Brooklyn, defense

attorney Sammy Sanchez said he will ask Supreme Court Judge Patricia DiMango to bar such buttons.

"She has been painted as a demon," Sanchez said. If the trial of Santiago's husband, Cesar Rodriguez, earlier this year was any

guide, emotions are bound to boil over as the jury hears evidence of the injuries and beatings Nixzmary Brown received. Autopsy photos shown during the trial of Rodriguez, who was convicted of manslaughter, were so distressing that

some jurors seemed to cry. Prosecutors contend Santiago acted in concert with Rodriguez as he brutalized Nixzmary. She also faces manslaughter and child abuse charges.

Anthony M. DeStefano is a Newsday staff writer.



Christopher Musico spends five hours a day commuting. (Marlene Naanes)

# 'Owned' by upstate-midtown commute

By Marlene Naanes  
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For more than a year, Christopher Musico has endured a daily five-hour commute from upstate Ulster County to midtown, and he's exhausted.

"Monday through Thursday I'm owned lock, stock and barrel by the

commute," said Musico, 23, a magazine editorial assistant. "I don't have family, I don't have kids, I don't have a wife, so I would love to hang with my friends more than once or twice a week and not be ex-



Videos of extreme commuters



hausted while doing so."

Mornings are the worst. He devotes a total of three hours to driving to the train, riding the Metro-North and finally huffing it to his office in midtown.

He must leave his home

in Wallkill, near New Paltz, at 5:35 a.m. for a 20-minute drive, followed by a painful wait for a 6:44 a.m. train.

Station parking is so scarce that he has to arrive extra early to find a spot.

Upstate winters also add to his tough commute, keeping him home a handful of days when snowy roads prove too treacherous.

Musico loves Wallkill because of its serenity, and staying at his parents' home has helped him save money. He hopes to rent a place closer to work, possibly in Jersey City.

"My goal is to be out before Christmas ... hopefully even sooner," he said. "That would be a nice little gift for myself."

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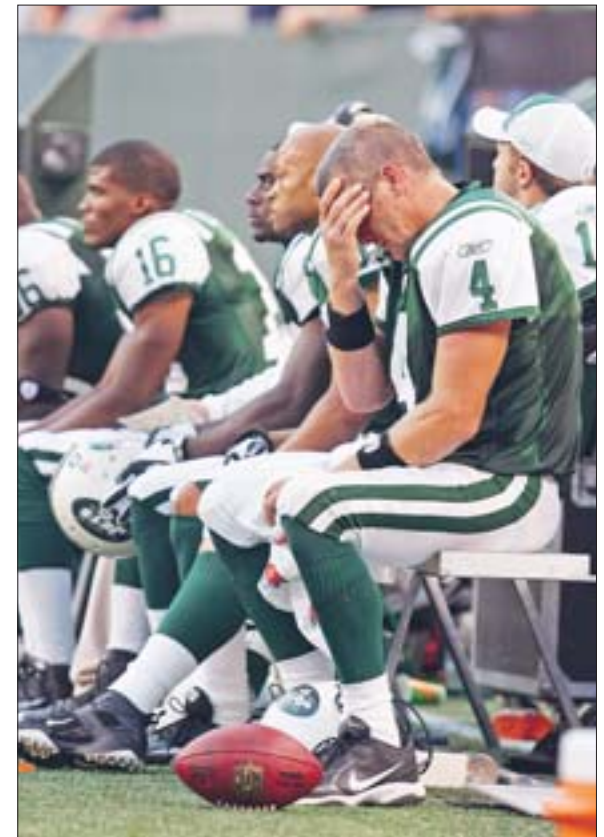
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### Patriots still team to beat

Quarterback Brett Favre passed for 181 yards and a touchdown yesterday, but that wasn't enough as the Jets lost to the Tom Brady-less Patriots, 19-10. For the full game story, see page 39. (Getty)

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QUOTE: 'NO WAY. NO HOW. NO MCCAIN. NO PALIN.' — Hillary Clinton

# Texas on mend after Ike

## Rescuers save 2,000 from floods

By Christopher Sherman  
The Associated Press

Rescuers searching the waterlogged streets and splintered houses left behind by Hurricane Ike said yesterday they had saved nearly 2,000 people in Texas — many of whom then boarded buses to shelters without knowing where they were going or when they could come home.

More than 48 hours after the first direct hurricane hit a major U.S. city since Hurricane Katrina, authorities imposed a weeklong nighttime curfew on Houston, where electricity was scarce and downed trees and shattered glass made roads unsafe.

Pump prices jumped above \$5 per gallon in some parts of the U.S. yesterday as the storm left refineries and pipelines idled and destroyed at least 10 offshore



Lee Ann Wheelbarger makes her way through debris in El Lago, Texas, yesterday after Hurricane Ike struck and caused widespread damage in the area. Houston has imposed a curfew to keep survivors safe. (Getty)

petroleum platforms in the Gulf of Mexico.

Ike was downgraded to a tropical depression as it moved into the nation's midsection and left more harm in its wake. Roads

were closed in Kentucky because of high winds. As far north as Chicago, dozens of people in a suburb had to be evacuated by boat. Two million people were without power in Texas,

Arkansas and Louisiana. The death toll from the storm rose to 13. Three were in hard-hit Galveston, Texas, including one body found in a vehicle submerged in floodwater

at the airport. "We want our citizens to stay where they are," Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas said. "Do not come back to Galveston. You cannot live here right now."

# Sarah stumps close to home

By Kathleen Hennessey  
The Associated Press

Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin has left the wilds of Alaska, but she has not quite left the mountains.

In her first cautious steps on the campaign trail without running mate John McCain, the Alaska governor is making a brief swing through the West. It is a region the campaign believes will be particularly receptive to Palin's Washington-outsider message and outdoorsy persona.

It is also a place poised to swing the election.

In her first solo campaign speech in the lower 48 states on Saturday, Palin addressed a cheering crowd in Carson City, Nev., in a roller hockey rink in the shadow of the Sierra Nevada mountains. She joked easily about hockey moms, the air show in town and her husband's Piper Cub plane, an outdoorsman's favorite.



Outdoor sports enthusiasts find common ground with GOP vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin as she campaigns for John McCain in Carson City, Nev. (Getty)

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The next stop was Colorado, where Palin planned a rally today at an indoor riding center in the Denver suburbs. These are places full of

voters who need no explanation on the nuanced difference between a hockey mom and a soccer mom. For some here, Palin's love of moose hunting is not an exotic quirk. It's a shared hobby.

More than 600,000 Coloradans have fishing or hunting licenses. (AP)

## Hil in Ohio: 'No Palin'

Campaigning for Barack Obama in battleground Ohio, Sen. Hillary Clinton singled out Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin yesterday by using a revised line delivered at last month's Democratic convention.

Clinton told about 1,650 supporters in an Akron high school gymnasium that Palin and Republican presidential nominee John McCain would only continue the failed policies of President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney.

"To slightly amend my comments from Denver: No way, no how, no McCain, no Palin," she said as the audience cheered.

At a rally in Elyria earlier yesterday, Clinton delivered the same line, receiving the same enthusiastic response from a crowd of 1,200 — many wearing "Hillary for President" T-shirts leftover from her bitter primary fight with Obama. (AP)

### Briefs

WASHINGTON

#### Obama, McCain break records in Aug. funding

Democratic nominee Barack Obama raised \$66 million in August, a record for a presidential candidate that illustrated his robust outreach to new contributors. Republican nominee John McCain raised \$47 million in August, a personal best for his campaign as well.



Obama



McCain

LOS ANGELES

#### Train officials downplay report of text before crash

Federal investigators yesterday combed crushed wreckage looking for evidence to explain the nation's deadliest rail disaster in 15 years. A National Transportation Safety Board spokesman downplayed a report that the train engineer had sent a text message shortly before Friday's accident, which killed 25 people.

WASHINGTON

#### Petraeus says action needed in Afghanistan

U.S. Gen. David Petraeus said yesterday it will take political and economic progress as well as military action to tackle Afghanistan. "You don't kill or capture your way out of an industrial-strength insurgency," he said. The redeployment of troops to Afghanistan has become a central issue in the U.S. presidential campaign.

SAN JOSE, CALIF.

#### Calif. driver plows onto soccer field, killing man

Police say a motorist deliberately drove onto a soccer field at a park in San Jose, Calif., and ran down three men, killing one and injuring the other two. One man has been arrested and police say investigators are treating the case as a homicide. Authorities were interviewing 20 people who saw the alleged attack. (AP)

SAN DIEGO

#### Firefighters sue, claiming harassment at gay parade

Four San Diego firefighters are suing the city government for damages because they were allegedly sexually harassed while participating involuntarily in the 2007 gay pride parade. The four say they were ordered to attend even though firefighters at previous parades had been heckled by onlookers. The trial is set to begin today. (Los Angeles Times)



# U.S. fooled on raid?

**Afghan prez:  
Bad tip killed  
90 civilians**

By Jason Straziuso  
The Associated Press

An American bombing that killed up to 90 Afghan civilians last month was based on false information provided by a rival tribe and did not kill a single Taliban fighter, the president's spokesman said yesterday.

The claim contradicted a U.S. contention that the Aug. 22 raid on the western village of Azizabad killed up to 35 Taliban fighters.

"There was total misinformation fed to the coalition forces," Humayun Hamidzada, the spokesman for President Hamid Karzai, said.

Afghan police arrested three suspects accused of giving the U.S. military false intelligence that led to the bombardment, the Interior Ministry has said.

An Afghan government commission found that up

to 90 civilians were killed, including 60 children, a finding backed by a preliminary U.N. report.

The operation, conducted by U.S. Special Forces and Afghan soldiers, targeted Afghan employees of a British security firm as well as their family members — the reason the U.S. military recovered weapons after the battle, Hamidzada said.

The U.S. has said its forces were fired on first during a raid that targeted and killed a known militant commander.



## Georgian refugees struggle

Red Cross workers prepare bread for refugees yesterday at a camp in Gori, Georgia. Last month's five-day war between Georgia and Russian forces over breakaway provinces has killed hundreds and left about 192,000 displaced. (AP)

## Briefs

### PERM, RUSSIA

#### Engine failure blamed in deadly Russia plane crash

A Russian passenger plane that caught fire as it fell from the sky yesterday likely suffered engine failure before it crashed, killing all 88 people on board, investigators said. The right engine of the Boeing 737-500 caught fire as it prepared to land in Perm, they said.

### RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA

#### Saudi official wants death for 'immoral' TV executives

A senior Saudi official said yesterday that owners of satellite TV networks that show "immor-

al" content should be brought to trial and sentenced to death if other penalties don't first deter them from airing such broadcasts. The comments by Sheik Saleh al-Lihedan were an attempt to explain a fatwa, in which he said just that it was permissible to kill network owners.

### JERUSALEM

#### Israeli government debates evacuation of settlers

Israel's government had its first discussion yesterday of a plan to offer West Bank settlers cash to leave their homes, a largely symbolic step taken as Prime Min-

ister Ehud Olmert prepares to step down from his post.

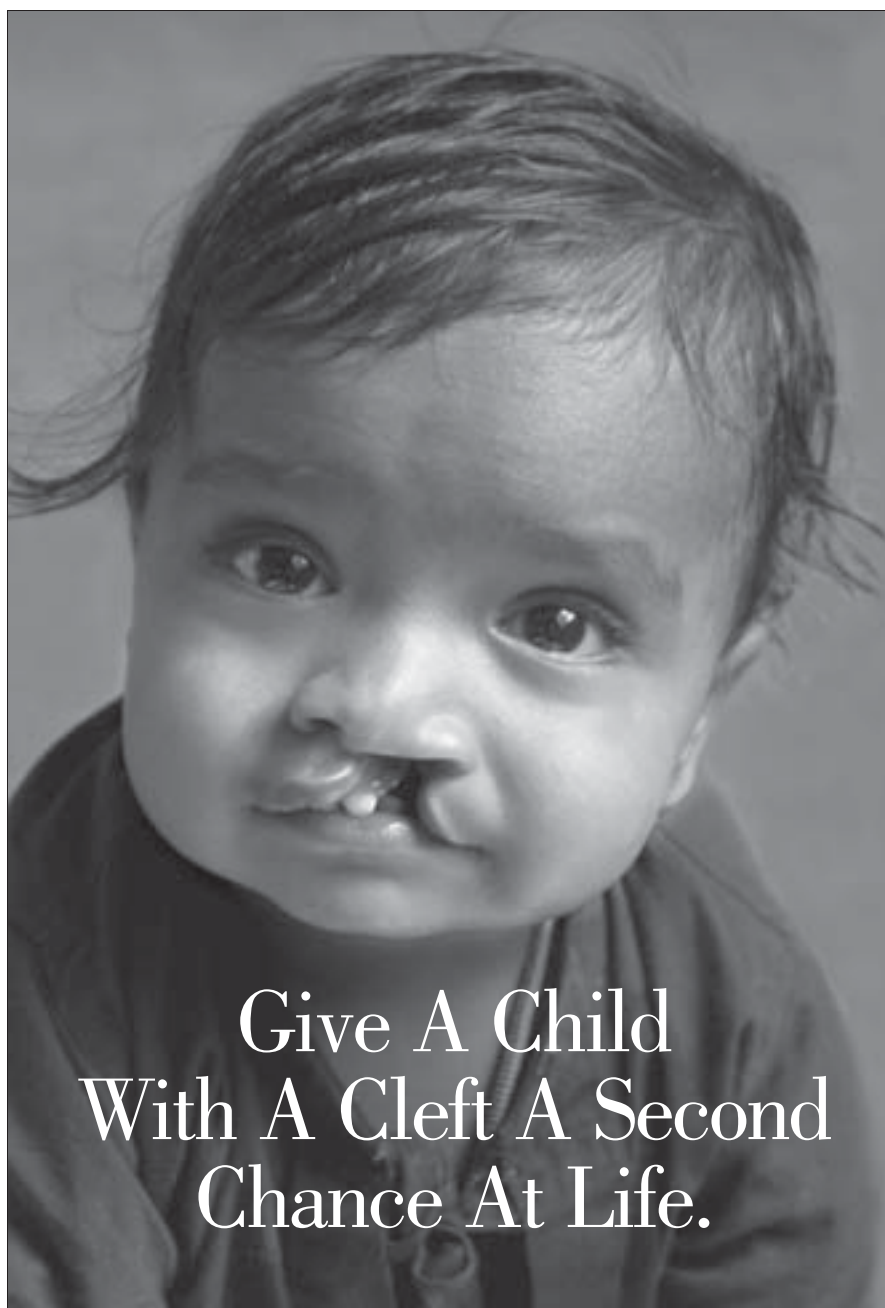
### LA PAZ, BOLIVIA

#### Bolivian president struggles to end country's protests

Bolivia's president Evo Morales struggled to assert control over a badly fractured Bolivia yesterday as separatist protesters set fire to a town hall and blockaded highways in opposition-controlled provinces, impeding gasoline and food distribution. (AP)



Morales



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**QUOTE: 'IT WAS LIKE, THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD CLEAN UP THIS AVENUE.'**

— Kevin Phillips, business owner in Crown Heights

**Briefs**

**Street awaits word from Fed, reports from banks**

The Federal Reserve meets again this week and is expected to hold a key interest rate steady, but Wall Street could shrug off any positive comments from the central bank if the financial sector doesn't bring some good news. Some of the nation's biggest financial institutions — Goldman Sachs Group, Morgan Stanley — are scheduled to post quarterly results this week.

**Greenspan: Economic slide is worst I've seen**

The current financial crisis "is a once-in-a-half-century" event, and the worst in his career, former Federal Reserve



Chairman Alan Greenspan said yesterday in an interview on ABC's "This Week." The weight of the housing and credit crises "will continue to be a corrosive force until the price of homes in the United States stabilizes," perhaps next year, he said. (AP)

**SMALL BUSINESS**

# Crown Heights open for business

By **Rebecca Wolfson**  
Special to amNewYork

Nobody in Crown Heights had much hope for the drug- and crime-filled Franklin Avenue of the late 1990s.

"It was like, there's no way you could clean up this avenue," said Kevin Phillips, 36, who grew up on the block and opened a boutique clothing store here in March.

Fortunes appear to be turning. Within the past seven months, his store, About Time Boutique, and two other small businesses, Bristen's Eatery and Franklin Park, have opened on the once-condemned street.

At About Time, people can find Phillips' own clothing brand, Krow Hill: T-shirts, hoodies and jackets splashed with vibrant colors, fresh designs and images of Brooklyn.

The name, he said, comes from Crown Heights'



Kevin Phillips' About Time Boutique is one of several businesses to open this year on Franklin Avenue in Crown Heights. (Tiffany L. Clark)

nickname. Phillips, who is black, also spoke of how the term "crow" used to be a derogatory term for African Americans in the nineteenth century, and his brand is a way to turn a negative force into a positive one, he said.

"I attached it to a brand

of clothing that would be diverse, that would be for every culture of people," Phillips said. In October, Phillips is set to open a store on Franklin Avenue that sells uniforms.

In July, About Time, along with Bristen's Eatery, and a number of area institutions

co-sponsored a "kids day." Phillips brought out a silk-screen T-shirt machine and taught children how to use it, just like someone in the neighborhood had done for him years earlier.

Bristen's Eatery is active in the community, owner Carleen Haughton said.

"It's a go-to place in the neighborhood for good food and other resources," the Jamaica-born Haughton said. People in the neighborhood entrust her with extra sets of keys or to hold their mail when they go out of town. "It's like an outpost," she said.

Down the street, Franklin Park, on most pleasant summer nights, is nearly packed. Owner Matthew Roff transformed the abandoned garage into a bar with a large patio.

After Roff expands the space next month, he said he would provide a free space for community organizations, such as the Crow Hill Community Association, to gather.

"It's a great feeling to have been able to find a location and create a theme and a vibe in an area you are as unsure of, and be as successful as you are, and we owe that to our neighborhood," Roff said.

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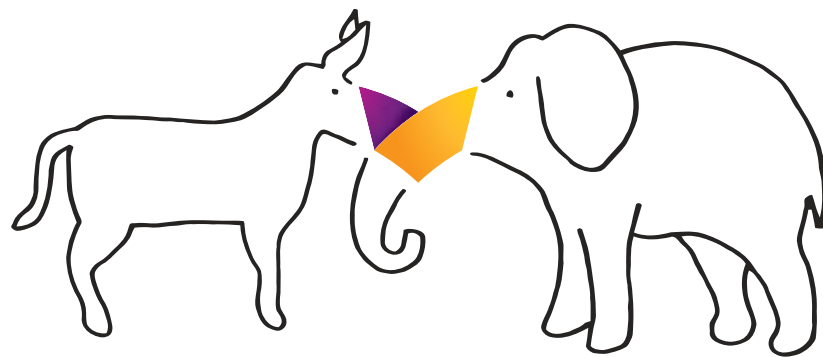
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**QUOTE: 'IS IT A SIN TO BE GAY? SHOULD IT BE A SIN TO BE STRAIGHT?'** — Lindsay Lohan on her MySpace blog

**BITS O' BUZZ**

Haiti-born singer **Wyclef Jean** and actor **Matt Damon** yesterday visited Gonaives, Haiti, which was ravaged by a tropical storm and three hurricanes within the last month. The two stars called for monetary support for the region ...



Wyclef

**Britney Spears** threw a car-themed birthday party for her sons, Sean Preston and Jayden James, on Saturday, *Us* magazine reports. Each of the boys got a mini SUV with personalized plates ... The **Coen Brothers'** film "Burn After Reading" topped the box office this weekend with \$19.4 million. "Burn," which comes from the creators of "No Country For Old Men," stars **Brad Pitt** and **George Clooney** ... Singer/designer **Gwen Stefani** is creating uniforms for staffers at The W Hotels' bars, *Portfolio* reports.

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Lindsay Lohan  
(Photos: Getty)

# Linds slams Palin

**Lindsay Lohan** recently blogged about wanting to learn about Republican vice presidential nominee

**Sarah Palin's** views on domestic and world issues. Well, now Lohan has done a little digging, and the 22-year-old starlet doesn't like what she's discovered.

"Is our country so divided that the Republicans best hope is a narrow minded, media obsessed homophobe?" Lohan wrote on her MySpace blog yesterday.

Lohan said she feels fear, anxiety, concern, disappointment and stress when it comes to Palin as a potential leader of the United States.

"I couldn't be more supportive of a woman in office, but ... it comes down to the person,



THE BUZZ WITH  
**JULIE GORDON**

**ANTI-PALIN CELEBS**

- "I can't stand her. She can suck it," **Pamela Anderson** told UK's Daily Telegraph.
- "It's absurd," actor **Matt Damon** told the AP.
- "This woman hates women. She is not a feminist," singer **Pink** told PopEater.

and their beliefs, male or female," Lohan said. "Is it a sin to be gay? Should it be a sin to be straight? Or to use birth control? Or to have sex before marriage?"



Jennifer Lopez

## It's a miracle! J. Lo's foot has healed

Apparently **Jennifer Lopez** has fully recovered from the foot injury she suffered a few days ago; she completed a triathlon in Florida yesterday.

Lopez canceled her guest-judging appearance at the "Project Runway" finale at New York Fashion Week this past Friday because she was hurt (since watching a fashion show involves soooo much standing on your feet. Duh.).

Yesterday, the 39-year-old ran the Nautica Malibu Triathlon in 2 hours, 23 minutes and 38.8 seconds.

## Mena Suvari has a hair-raising tale

Actress **Mena Suvari** thinks her short blond haircut is a style "don't."

"I hate it right now," she told us. "Thank God for hairstylists."

Suvari, 26, cropped her locks last year for a role and, to her annoyance, they're still growing out.

"It's really in between. I just want it to be long," she

said. "My hair grows very slowly so I'm just taking my vitamins and crossing my fingers."

At least she likes the color.



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# Always vote for style

By **Joseph V. Amodio**  
 Special to amNewYork

No matter whom you support, there's a landslide's worth of election merchandise out there, and much of it is nonpartisan.

We've gathered together some of our favorites, for those who like to wear their politics on their sleeves ... or flip-flops. **Joseph V. Amodio is a Newsday staff writer.**

**Cafe Press 'No Obama' hat, \$17.99;** at [cafepress.com](http://cafepress.com)

No one seems to like when a campaign goes negative (or so they say), but you can still get your jabs in early with this "No Obama" cap. It's tasteful and still gets the point across.



**Cafe Press John McCain T-shirt, \$22.99;** at [cafepress.com](http://cafepress.com)

The phrase started out on tees referring to Obama, but some women out there feel just as cuddly about ole Mackie. And they're not afraid to show it.



**Sir Alistair Rai Obama T-shirt, \$38;** at [siralistairrai.com](http://siralistairrai.com)

Sir Alistair Rai's hipster tee is perfect for fans of Barack ... or Barry Goldwater. (Talk about bipartisan!)



**Keds 'Uncle Sam' shoes, \$64.30;** at [zazzle.com](http://zazzle.com)

That's right, ole Sam wants you-know-who, and it's probably because you look fab in his "Uncle Sam Wants You" Keds slip-ons.



**Renee Frances 'Vote' ring, \$115;** at Albertine, 13 Christopher St., 212-924-8515

Stop 'em dead in their tracks with designer Renee Frances' knuckle-dusting, gold-plated Vote ring, \$115, inspired by Robert Indiana's iconic '60s "LOVE" sculpture.



**Hotflops bobblehead sandals, \$30;** at [flopyourvote.com](http://flopyourvote.com)

Hey, even the leader of the free world flip-flops now and then.

## picks of the week

### Sample sales

#### ■ Foley + Corinna

Sept. 19 to 20, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sept. 21, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. 114 Stanton St., between Ludlow and Essex streets. 212-529-2338. Pieces from whimsical brand Foley + Corinna are between 50 and 85 percent off. An over-the-shoulder tote that was \$528 is now \$250. A chiffon wrap dress that was \$374 is now \$150.

#### ■ B&B Italia

Sept. 19, 20, 22, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sept. 21, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Altman Building, 135 W. 18th St., between Sixth and Seventh avenues. Contemporary home furnishings are between 15 and 40 percent off. Sofas, armchairs, tables and other pieces will be available.



**Sociology 'Rock the Vote' T-shirt, \$28 to \$32;** at Urban Outfitters stores

The "Gossip Girls" gang models Rock the Vote by Sociology tees, with the logo's classic early '90s graphic look. Ten percent of all proceeds benefit Rock the Vote, which educates and registers young voters.



**Cafe Press John McCain tote bag, \$16.99;** at [cafepress.com](http://cafepress.com)

Now you can haul your stuff Warhol-style, displaying the many shades of John McCain, with this cotton "McCain '08" tote bag.

## Hottest trends from the runways

By **Anne Bratskeir**  
 Special to amNewYork

There's not always one singular thread that runs through Fashion Week, but this season you could feel "a strong sense of optimism," said Stephanie Solomon, fashion director at Bloomingdale's. "There's no black, no shrouds; it's feminine and romantic. It's a refreshing return to American sportswear, and it's not business as usual. It's better than usual."

Here's a look at some of the trends we saw last week on the spring '09 runways.

This article first appeared in Newsday.



### The pants

Finally, there are plenty to wear — the newest are cropped and cuffed. Cigarette pants and leggings are still around, and the latest innovation? Uh oh, harem pants.

Miss Sixty (Photos: Getty)



### The dresses

The dress still rules but the volume has shrunk — easy frocks to throw on or body-conscious sheaths. In terms of lengths? Minis and maxis make the cut.

Michael Kors



### The colors

Beachy neutrals, blush, nude and white are foundations amped by vivid sunset shades, spice, yellow, pinks and purple. To cool off? Ocean blues.

3.1 Phillip Lim



### The decades

There was a distinct '80s vibe to some collections, while others reached back to the '60s, portraying the happy — and haute — hippie or more ladylike looks plucked from the era.

Rebecca Taylor

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## The World's Most—and Least—Respected Companies

In *Barron's* fourth annual survey, money managers indicate the degree to which they respect—or don't—the world's 100 largest publicly traded companies (as measured by total market value).

RANK '08	COMPANY	MEAN SCORE
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99	Citigroup	0.35
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*"Citigroup ranked 99th"*

**Tell that to the security officers protecting Citigroup who struggle to make ends meet.**

**Last week, on Barron's List of the World's 100 Most and Least Respected Companies, Citigroup fell to 99th place.<sup>1</sup>**

In New York City, the security officers who work hard protecting Citigroup people and property are on the frontlines of defense, but they don't receive the wages and benefits they need to succeed—many earn poverty-like wages and don't receive health insurance. The security officers also need more training so they can do their jobs more effectively.

**Citigroup should help raise standards in the private security industry** by working with its security contractor to provide officers the tools they need to do their jobs as well as possible. Treating workers with respect is one way to win respect.

1. *Barron's: The Dow Jones and Financial Weekly*, September 8, 2008.



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

# The Coens' quirkiest

## Weird faves from the bros' films

By Brett Buckalew  
Metromix.com

Marquee stars and schlumpy character actors alike excel at committing to the sheer ridiculous-

ness of the Coen brothers' often cartoonish characters.

One of the latest is Brad Pitt, who swirls his hair into an excessively

moussed-up pompadour as intellectually challenged amateur-blackmailer Chad Feldheimer in "Burn After Reading."

Here's a look back at the most memorably quirky Coen characters that have preceded Chad.

### 'Blood Simple'

M. Emmet Walsh as Loren Visser

A sweaty Texan private investigator who chuckles at his own obtuse jokes and has a heck of a homicidal streak. A standout in the Coen brothers' debut, Visser serves as a disruption to the small-town normality surrounding him.

### 'Raising Arizona'

Randall 'Tex' Cobb as Leonard Smalls

How antisocial is this hulking, soot-covered, cigar-chomping bounty



Brad Pitt's Chad Feldheimer in "Burn After Reading" is another in a long line of quirky Coen bros. characters.

hunter? Well, let's just say his idea of a proper introduction is, "Name's Smalls. Leonard Smalls. My friends call me Lenny, only I ain't got no friends."

### 'O Brother, Where Art Thou?'

George Clooney as Ulysses Everett McGill

Everett is a prototypical Coen hero: a hayseed who hides his lack of common sense behind a stream of high vocabulary, yet still retains his heroic dignity. Everett fakes an intelligence his two Mississippi-chain-gang buddies lack, but he's not fooling the audience.



Clooney

### ' Fargo '

Steve Buscemi as Carl Showalter & Peter Stormare as Gaeer Grimsrud

A lengthy list could be made solely of quirky Coen characters Buscemi has played, but it's hard to top Carl, the weaselly,

perpetually exasperated chatterbox whose partner in crime, Gaeer, is a broodingly silent, chain-smoking thug with an appetite for pancakes and hookers.

### 'Intolerable Cruelty'

Billy Bob Thornton as Howard D. Doyle

This Stetson-wearing oil magnate comments, "My God, my dogs are barking," after strolling along Rodeo Drive, and is most memorable for eating his prenuptial agreement with barbeque sauce, accompanied by shouts of, "I love you like a sunnuvabitch!"

### 'The Man Who Wasn't There'

Tony Shalhoub as Freddy Riedenschneider

High-priced, shark-like lawyers are skewered in the form of Reidenschneider, an attorney who has no qualms about billing his clients for expensive Italian meals. His most cherished courtroom tactic is merely trotting out Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle, re-

gardless of whether or not it fits the case.

### 'Miller's Crossing'

Jon Polito as Johnny Caspar

A tyrannical, roly-poly Italian gangster, Caspar has designs on overtaking Irish-mob-run territory. Unfortunately for him, he's the kind of oblivious hood who trusts obvious moles with key secrets and rattles on about the "ethics" of rigged fights.

### 'The Big Lebowski'

John Turturro as Jesus Quintana

Turturro is another one of those actors quick to ditch subtlety in favor of reaching gonzo Coen heights. His most unforgettably crazed role: Jesus, a hairnet-donning, pelvis-gyrating, trash-talking bowler with a Tony Montana accent and a history of pedophilia. In a film filled with outsized eccentrics, Quintana reigns supreme.

### 'No Country for Old Men'

Javier Bardem as Anton Chigurh

Though he's first and foremost a terrifying figure, Chigurh is also just as off-kilter as any character the Coens have ever crafted, with his Prince Valiant 'do, soliloquies on the effectiveness of a coin toss, and vaguely supernatural presence. Bardem won an Oscar for the role, proving that it pays to be idiosyncratic in a Coen brothers movie.



Javier Bardem's Anton Chigurh from "No Country for Old Men" was ominous, yes, but really weird also.

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## Monday

### Music

#### Andrew W.K.

Santos' Party House, 10pm, \$5. White T-shirt wearing rocker Andrew W.K. plays live, and spins as a DJ as well. Look for some special guests to join in the fun. With Aleister, Bad Brilliance, Samuel and DJ B-Roc. 100 Lafayette St at Walker St (6. J. M. Z. N. R. Q. W to Canal St) 212-584-5492

#### Celine Dion

Madison Square Garden, 8pm, \$85-\$185. Now that her contract in Las Vegas is over, Dion is once again mobile. So she is hitting the

road for her first tour in five years. Seventh Ave, between 31st and 33rd sts (1, 2, 3, A, C, E to 34th St-Penn Sta) 212-465-6741

#### David Yazbek and His Warmest Regards – An Evening with the Monkey Man

Spiegelent at Fulton Fish Market, 9:30pm, \$35. Yazbek, the Tony-nominated songwriter for "The Full Monty" and "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," performs for the first time ever at



Yazbek

the Spiegelent with songs from his new album "Evil Monkey Man." His first album, "The Laughing Man," won the N.A.I.R.D. Award for Best Pop Album of the Year. Fulton St at South St (3, 4, 5, J, M, Z to Fulton St) 646-775-2880

#### A Place To Bury Strangers

Music Hall of Williamsburg, 8pm. \$15. One thing you need to know about A Place To Bury Strangers: The band is incredibly loud. This Brooklyn trio has blown every band out of the water with a new twist on shoegazy rock — delightfully as melodic as

noisy. After opening for the Brian Jonestown Massacre, this band is worthy of the spotlight for this show. 66 N 6th St, between Kent and Wythe Aves, Williamsburg, Brooklyn (L to Bedford Ave) 718-599-5103

#### Ron Sexsmith

Maxwell's, 8:30pm, \$13. Canadian singer-songwriter Sexsmith lists Paul McCartney, Elvis Costello and John Hiatt as his major influences. His music is generally melancholic pop-folk. 1039 Washington St at 11th St, Hoboken, N.J. (PATH to Hoboken) 201-798-0406

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# LL cool with label 'Exit'

**Q&A** with LL Cool J

By Mesfin Fekadu  
The Associated Press

With his latest CD, LL Cool J is readying his exit and preparing for his future at the same time.

"Exit 13" is his 13th CD and final official album for Def Jam records, which has been his label home for 23 years.

But LL is hardly about to leave the music industry, despite his success in film and other areas. The 40-year-old says he feels rejuvenated, and credits fellow Queens rapper 50 Cent with teaching him a new way to approach his music.

In a recent interview, LL talked about his new album.

**What's different about "Exit 13" compared to your past 12 records?**

The last couple of albums, I was making those records in two or three months. This record took two years. I don't know if people can really grasp how big of a difference that is. ... It's like the idea of training for a fight for two weeks, or training for a fight for six months. It's that kind of a difference.

LL Cool J  
(Getty)

And I think that musically it reflects that.

**Did 50 Cent produce this record?**

I actually ended up executive producing "Exit 13," but 50 did executive produce an album for me; I

have a whole album I did with 50. I only used like three or four songs for this album. Working with 50 was inspiring. You have to realize I had no reason to be hungry.

When you're the best at something for a long time, and you make albums in a couple months and they're still going gold or selling a million records ... and you're making a living in films and stuff, it affects the music.

Watching 50 crouch over that notebook and seeing him bounce back and forth in the studio, that inspired me and made me hungry again.

**You've been in the game for about 25 years.**

**What do you think your contributions are to hip-hop?**

First of all, I am the first solo rap artist period in the world to really blow up in hip-hop on the whole planet; that's one contribution, that's a starting point.

**You've covered a lot of ground in your career, what else is there to do?**

I just want to do it bigger, bigger and bigger, and show people that anything is possible.



## Brooklyn rocks

This weekend amfm made it all the way out to the Borough of Kings. Read about our unconventional musical adventure on the blog.

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### Laura Marling

Bowery Ballroom, 7pm, \$15. Folk artist and singer-songwriter Marling is only 18 years old and was once refused access to one of her own performances for being underage. She instead chose to perform on the street. So if you don't by a ticket, you still might get to see a show. 6 Delancey St at Bowery (J, M to Bowery; B, D to Grand St) 212-533-2111

### Comedy

#### New Talent Showcase

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### Talks & Readings

#### Brian Greene

Barnes & Noble Union Square, 7pm, FREE. Greene discusses his book, "Icarus at the Edge of Time." 33 East 17th St,

between Park Ave and Broadway (4,5,6,N,Q,R,W,L to 14th St-Union Sq) 212-253-0810

### Valerie Frankel

Barnes & Noble Tribeca, 7pm, FREE. Frankel reads from her book, "Thin is the New Happy." 97 Warren St at Greenwich St (1, 2, 3 to Chambers St-W Broadway; A, C, E to Chambers St-Park Pl) 212-587-5389

## Tuesday

### Music

#### Sunset Rubdown

Music Hall of Williamsburg, 8pm, \$17. For a band that's made one album, Wolf Parade sure has sparked a lot of side projects. Sunset Rubdown is keyboardist's Spencer Krug's side gig. Wolf Parade fans will know him as the one with the high voice who sings the weirder, more complex songs. Sunset Rubdown is where he really indulges his artsy side. 66 N 6th St, between Kent and Wythe aves, Williamsburg, Brooklyn (L to Bedford Ave) 718-599-5103

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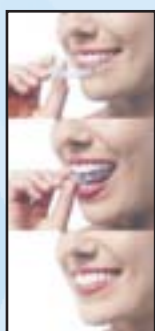
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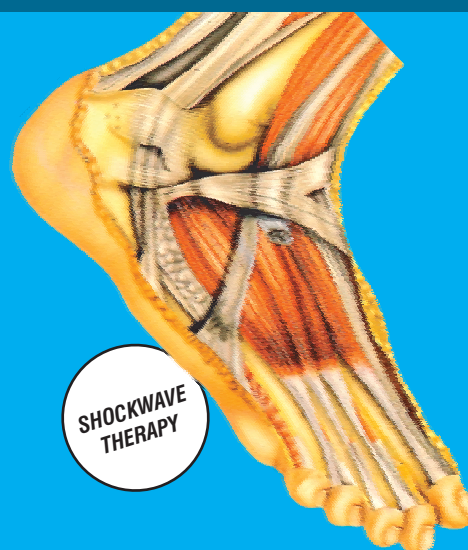


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**Flow.** (Not Rated)11, 1, 3:05, 5:10, 7:10, 9:20.  
**Towelhead.** (R)11:30, 12:30, 2, 3, 4:30, 5:35, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40, 10:40.  
**Vicky Cristina Barcelona.** (PG-13)11, 12, 1:10, 2:15, 3:25, 4:35, 5:40, 7, 8, 9:20, 10:20.

ANTHOLOGY FILM ARCHIVES

212-505-5110, 32 2nd Ave.  
**Chafed Elbows.** (Not Rated)7:30. **Moment to Moment.** (Not Rated)9.

CINEMA VILLAGE 12TH STREET

212-924-3363, 22 E. 12th St.  
**Forgiveness.** (Not Rated)1, 3, 5, 7, 9:15. **A Girl Cut in Two.** (Not Rated)12:50, 3:05, 5:20, 7:35. **Patti Smith: Dream of Life.** (Not Rated)9:50. **Secrecy.** (Not Rated)1:30, 3:25, 5:20, 7:15, 9:20.

FILM FORUM

212-727-8110, 209 W. Houston St.  
**Blithe Spirit.** (Not Rated)1, 4:30, 8. **Brief Encounter.** (Not Rated)2:50, 6:20, 9:50. **The Godfather.** (R)1, 4:30, 8. **The Pool.** (Not Rated)1:15, 3:15, 6, 8, 10.

IFC CENTER

212-924-7771, 323 Sixth Ave.  
**Moving Midway.** (Not Rated)1, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55. **A Secret.** (Not Rated)11, 1:10, 3:25, 5:40, 8, 10:15. **Trouble the Water.** (Not Rated)11, 9:55.

LANDMARK SUNSHINE CINEMA

212-330-8182, 141-143 E. Houston St.  
**American Teen.** (PG-13)12:50, 3:15, 5:45, 8, 10:10. **Hamlet 2.** (R)12:45, 3, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30. **Man on Wire.** (PG-13)12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:30, 9:50. **Sukiyaki Western Django.** (R)12:20, 2:50, 5:30, 8:05, 10:20, 12:30. **Tell No One.** (Not Rated)1, 4, 7, 9:45.

AMC LOEWS VILLAGE 7

212-505-6397, 66 3rd Ave.  
**Bangkok Dangerous.** (R)2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45. **Greetings From the Shore.** (R)2, 4, 4:30, 6:45, 7, 9:25, 9:35. **Ping Pong Playa.** (PG-13)2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:05. **Righteous Kill.** (R)2:20, 3:45, 4:55, 6:30, 7:30, 9, 9:55. **Rock On!** (Not Rated)3:15, 6:15, 9:15.

QUAD CINEMA

212-255-8800, 34 W. 13th St.  
**Another Gay Sequel: Gays Gone Wild.** (Not Rated)3:10, 5:10, 9:35. **Bottle Shock.** (PG-13)1, 7:20. **David & Fatima.** (Not Rated)1:10, 3:50, 6:20, 9:10. **I Served the King of England.** (R)1:15, 3:40, 6:10, 9. **Loins of Punjab Presents.** (Not Rated)1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:35, 9:50.

REGAL BATTERY PARK STADIUM 16

212-945-3418, 102 North End Ave.  
**Bangkok Dangerous.** (R)1, 3:25, 5:35, 8, 10:30. **Burn After Reading.** (R)12:20, 2:40, 5, 7:20, 10. **The Dark Knight.** (PG-13)12:05, 3:25, 6:40, 10:15. **Pineapple Express.** (R)1:40, 4:20, 7, 9:50. **Proud American.** (PG-13)12:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20. **Righteous Kill.** (R)12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25. **Traitor.** (PG-13)1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 9:55. **Tropic Thunder.** (R)12:55, 3:30, 6:50, 9:25. **Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys.** (PG-13)12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:50. **Vicky Cristina Barcelona.** (PG-13)1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 10:10. **The Women.** (PG-13)12:50, 3:20, 7:10, 9:45.

REGAL UNION SQUARE STADIUM 14

212-253-2225, 850 Broadway  
**Babylon A.D.**, (PG-13)12, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40. **Burn After Reading.** (R)11, 12:20, 1:15, 2:35, 3:35, 5, 5:55, 7:10, 8:10, 9:30, 10:30. **The Dark Knight.** (PG-13)11:45, 3:10, 6:50, 10. **Everybody Wants to Be Italian.** (R)11:35, 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 10:05. **The House Bunny.** (PG-13)12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8:05, 10:45. **Mirrors.** (R)10. **Pineapple Express.** (R)11:10, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55. **Traitor.** (PG-13)11:40, 2:25, 5:05, 7:45, 10:20. **Tropic Thunder.** (R)11:20, 12:25, 2, 3, 4:40, 5:40, 7:15, 8:20, 10:10, 10:55. **Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys.** (PG-13)11:15, 12:05, 1:50, 2:40, 4:25, 5:15, 7, 7:50, 9:45, 10:40. **The Women.** (PG-13)11:30, 12:30, 1:55, 2:55, 4:20, 5:20, 6:55, 7:55, 9:40, 10:35.

CITY CINEMAS VILLAGE EAST

212-529-6799, 181-189 Second Ave.  
**August Evening.** (PG-13)1:10, 10:20. **Brideshead Revisited.** (PG-13)4:15, 7:15. **Frozen River.** (R)1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8, 10:15. **The Little Red Truck.** (PG)1:30, 3:45, 6, 8:15, 10:30. **Mister Foe.** (Not Rated)1:15, 3:15, 5:25, 7:35, 9:45. **Momma's Man.** (Not Rated)3:50, 6:10, 8, 10:25. **Transsiberian.** (R)1:45, 10:15. **The Wackness.** (R)1, 3:20, 5:40, 8, 10:20. **WALL-E.** (G)1:20, 3:40, 6, 8:10.

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CLEARVIEW CHELSEA

212-505-2463, 260 W. 23rd St.  
**Burn After Reading.** (R)10:30, 12, 2:30, 3:45, 5, 7:45, 9, 10:15. **Hamlet 2.** (R)1, 6:30. **Righteous Kill.** (R)10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10. **Save Me.** (Not Rated)10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 10:30. **Traitor.** (PG-13)11:10, 2, 10:20. **Tropic Thunder.** (R)10:40, 1:10, 3:50, 6:40, 9, 9:30. **Vicky Cristina Barcelona.** (PG-13)11, 12:30, 1:45, 3, 4:15, 5:30, 6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30. **The Women.** (PG-13)10:35, 1:15, 4, 7, 9:45.

AMC LOEWS 19TH STREET EAST 6

212-260-8000, 890 Broadway  
**Bangkok Dangerous.** (R)2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10. **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13)7:15, 9:45. **Righteous Kill.** (R)2, 3, 4:30, 5:30, 7, 8, 9:30, 10:30. **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2.** (PG-13)4:15, 7:30, 10:20. **Star Wars: The Clone Wars.** (PG)3:45, 6, 8:45. **WALL-E.** (G)2:15, 4:45.

AMC LOEWS KIPS BAY 15

212-447-9425, 570 Second Ave.  
**Bangkok Dangerous.** (R)1:50, 5, 7:30, 10:05. **Burn After Reading.** (R)12, 1:35, 2:35, 4, 5:05, 7:15, 8, 9:55, 10:40. **The Dark Knight.** (PG-13)12:05, 3:35, 6:55, 10:15. **Hamlet 2.** (R)1:25, 3:45, 6, 8:20, 10:55. **The House Bunny.** (PG-13)12:40, 3, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10. **Pineapple Express.** (R)1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45. **Righteous Kill.** (R)12:55, 2, 3:25, 4:30, 6:10, 7:05, 8:40, 9:30. **Traitor.** (PG-13)1:30, 4:20, 7, 9:40. **Tropic Thunder.** (R)12:30, 3:10, 5:55, 8:30. **Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys.** (PG-13)1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10. **Vicky Cristina Barcelona.** (PG-13)1:05, 3:30, 5:50, 8:35. **The Women.** (PG-13)12:35, 2:30, 3:15, 5:10, 6:05, 7:50, 8:45, 10:35.

AMC LOEWS WEST 34TH STREET 14

212-244-8686, 312 W. 34th St.  
**Babylon A.D.**, (PG-13)2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:25. **Bangkok Dangerous.** (R)1:40,

4:35, 7:10, 9:45. **Burn After Reading.** (R)1, 3:15, 5:35, 8:10, 10:45. **The Dark Knight.** (PG-13)1:30, 5:05, 8:25. **Death Race.** (R)1:20, 7:20. **The House Bunny.** (PG-13)2, 4:40, 7:25, 9:55. **Mirrors.** (R)4:15, 10:10. **Pineapple Express.** (R)2:10, 4:55, 10:30. **Righteous Kill.** (R)2:50, 5:25, 8, 10:35. **Traitor.** (PG-13)1:10, 4:10, 7:50, 10:40. **Tropic Thunder.** (R)1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50. **Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys.** (PG-13)1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 10. **The Women.** (PG-13)1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20.

AMC EMPIRE 25

212-398-3939, 234 W. 42nd St.  
**Bangkok Dangerous.** (R)12, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:20. **Burn After Reading.** (R)12:15, 1, 2, 2:45, 3:25, 4:30, 5:15, 5:55, 7, 7:45, 8:30, 9:30, 10:15. **College.** (R)3:30. **The Dark Knight.** (PG-13)12, 1:45, 3:35, 5:15, 7, 8:45, 10:30. **Death Race.** (R)1:45, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50. **Disaster Movie.** (PG-13)2, 4:20, 6:45, 9:10. **Everybody Wants to Be Italian.** (R)4:15, 10:05. **Fly Me to the Moon 3-D.** (G)1:25, 3:45, 6:15, 8:40. **Hamlet 2.** (R)12:50, 3:20, 5:50, 8:10, 10:25. **Journey to the Center of the Earth.** (PG)12:25, 2:55, 5:35, 8:05, 10:30. **Kung Fu Panda: The IMAX Experience.** (PG)2:35, 5, 7:20, 9:50. **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13)2, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05. **Mirrors.** (R)12:55, 3:45, 6:30, 9:20. **Pineapple Express.** (R)5:55, 8:45. **Proud American.** (PG)1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:40. **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2.** (PG-13)1:15, 7:05. **Space Station 3D.** (Not Rated)12:45. **Traitor.** (PG-13)12:45, 1:45, 4:35, 6:05, 7:20, 9, 10:10. **Tropic Thunder.** (R)12, 1:35, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8, 10, 10:45. **Vicky Cristina Barcelona.** (PG-13)1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:35. **WALL-E.** (G)12:55, 3:35. **The Women.** (PG-13)12, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 10:10.

CITY CINEMAS 1, 2 & 3

212-753-6022, 1001 Third Ave.  
**Vicky Cristina Barcelona.** (PG-13)1:15, 2, 3:30, 5:45, 7, 8, 10:15. **The Women.** (PG-13)2:30, 4:30, 5, 7:30, 9:20, 10:05.

THE IMAGINASIAN

212-371-6682, 239 East 59th St.  
**Loins of Punjab Presents.** (Not Rated)12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:15.

CLEARVIEW ZIEGFELD

212-505-2463, 141 West 54th St  
**Righteous Kill.** (R)11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10.

REGAL E-WALK STADIUM 13

212-505-6397, 247 W. 42nd St.  
**Babylon A.D.**, (PG-13)12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 8, 10:20. **Hellboy II: The Golden Army.** (PG-13)11:30, 5:10, 11. **The House Bunny.** (PG-13)12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:15, 10:55. **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor.** (PG-13)2:25, 8:05. **Ping Pong Playa.** (PG-13)12, 2:30, 5, 7:35, 10. **Righteous Kill.** (R)11:05, 1:40, 12:20, 1:05, 1:35, 2:15, 2:55, 3:35, 4:10, 4:50, 5:30, 6:10, 6:50, 7:30, 8:10, 8:50, 9:30, 10:05, 10:50. **Step Brothers.** (R)11:35, 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:45. **Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys.** (PG-13)11, 11:20, 12:10, 1, 1:40, 2:10, 3, 3:40, 4:20, 4:50, 5:40, 6:30, 7:10, 7:40, 8:30, 9:15, 9:55, 10:30.

PARIS THEATRE

212-688-3800, 4 W. 58th St.  
**A Secret.** (Not Rated)12, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40.



Don Cheadle star in "Traitor."

East Side

CITY CINEMAS 86TH STREET EAST

212-734-4427, 210 E. 86th St.  
**Burn After Reading.** (R)1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:10, 10:25. **Traitor.** (PG-13)2:30, 5, 7:30, 10. **Tropic Thunder.** (R)12:30, 3:40, 6, 8:30, 10:40. **Vicky Cristina Barcelona.** (PG-13)1:35, 3:50, 6:05, 8:20, 10:35.

CLEARVIEW FIRST & 62ND

212-777-3456, 400 E. 62nd St.  
**Bangkok Dangerous.** (R)1:30, 6. **Burn After Reading.** (R)12, 2:30, 3:30, 5, 7:30, 8:30, 10. **Elegy.** (R)11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30. **Frozen River.** (R)11:45, 2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45. **Righteous Kill.** (R)12:30, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:30. **Tropic Thunder.** (R)12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15.

AMC LOEWS ORPHEUM 7

212-505-6397, 1538 Third Ave.  
**Bangkok Dangerous.** (R)1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15. **The Dark Knight.** (PG-13)1, 4:10, 7:20, 10:35. **The House Bunny.** (PG-13)1:30, 4, 6:30, 9. **Righteous Kill.** (R)1:10, 2:10, 3:30, 4:30, 6, 7:05, 8:30, 9:40. **Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys.** (PG-13)2:30, 5, 8,

10:50. **The Women.** (PG-13)2, 4:40, 7:15, 10:05.

AMC LOEWS 72ND ST 1

212-879-1313, 1230 Third Ave.  
**Traitor.** (PG-13)1, 4, 7, 9:45.

UA 64TH AND 2ND GEMINI

212-832-1670, 1210 Second Ave.  
**Everybody Wants to Be Italian.** (R)2:30, 5, 7:45, 10:20. **Proud American.** (PG)1:50, 4:25, 7, 9:20. **Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys.** (PG-13)2, 4:40, 7:20, 10.

UA EAST

212-249-5100, 1629 First Ave.  
**Elegy.** (R)2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10. **Please Call Theatre for Additional Movies and Times.** (Not Rated).

West Side

CLEARVIEW 62ND & BROADWAY

212-505-2463, 1871 Broadway  
**A Girl Cut in Two.** (Not Rated)11:30, 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10:15.

LINCOLN PLAZA CINEMAS

212-757-2280, 1886 Broadway  
**Elegy.** (R)11:10, 1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30. **I Served the King of England.** (R)12:45, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10. **Moving Midway.** (Not Rated)12:40, 2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:30. **Tell No One.** (Not Rated)11:15, 1:45, 4:25, 7, 9:35. **Vicky Cristina Barcelona.** (PG-13)11, 12:10, 12:50, 2, 2:45, 4, 4:55, 6:20, 7:15, 8:30, 9:20, 10:35.

AMC LOEWS 84TH STREET 6

212-721-6023, 2310 Broadway  
**Babylon A.D.** (PG-13)7, 9:30. **Bangkok Dangerous.** (R)12:35, 3, 5:25, 8:05, 10:40. **The Dark Knight.** (PG-13)12:45, 7:05. **Fly Me to the Moon 3-D.** (G)12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20. **The House Bunny.** (PG-13)12:40, 3:05, 5:35, 8, 10:45. **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2.** (PG-13)4, 10:30. **Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys.** (PG-13)1:10, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15. **WALL-E.** (G)1:30, 4:15.

AMC MAGIC JOHNSON HARLEM 9

212-665-8733, 2309 Frederick Douglass Blvd.  
**Babylon A.D.**, (PG-13)11:30, 1:50, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45. **Bangkok Dangerous.** (R)12:55, 3:15, 5:35, 7:55, 10:20. **The Longshots.** (PG)1, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10. **Righteous Kill.** (R)11:35, 2, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50. **Traitor.** (PG-13)1:30, 4, 6:50, 9:30. **Tropic Thunder.** (R)11:50, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15. **Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys.** (PG-13)11:40, 12:40, 1:40, 2:40, 3:40, 4:40, 5:40, 6:40, 7:40, 8:40, 9:40, 10:30. **CREATIVE ENTERTAINMENT COLISEUM CINEMAS** B'WAY & 181ST ST. 212.740.1545 3, 5:10, 7:20, 9:35

AMC LOEWS LINCOLN SQUARE 13 WITH IMAX

212-336-5000, 1998 Broadway  
**Burn After Reading.** (R)1, 2, 3:45, 5, 6:45, 8, 9:30, 10:35. **The Dark Knight.** (PG-13)2:15, 6, 9:50. **The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience.** (PG-13)1, 5, 9. **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13)1:10, 3:50, 6:40, 9:40. **Righteous Kill.** (R)1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 6:15, 7:30, 9:15, 10:25. **Towelhead.** (R)1:15, 2:10, 4:15, 5:10, 7:15, 8:10, 10:15, 10:45. **Traitor.** (PG-13)1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20. **Tropic Thunder.** (R)1:30, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30. **The Women.** (PG-13)1:05, 4, 7, 10.

PARIS THEATRE

212-688-3800, 4 W. 58th St.  
**A Secret.** (Not Rated)12, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40.

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

BAM ROSE CINEMAS

718-636-4100, 30 Lafayette Ave.  
**Twentieth Century.** (Not Rated)6:50, 9:15.

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS CINEMAS

718-596-7070, 70 Henry St.  
**Anita O'Day: The Life of a Jazz Singer.** (Not Rated)4. **Momma's Man.** (Not Rated)6:15, 8:15. **Traitor.** (PG-13)3:45, 6, 8:15.

UA COURT STREET STADIUM 12

718-246-7459, 108 Court St.  
**Babylon A.D.**, (PG-13)12:30, 3:30, 6, 8:30, 10:50. **Bangkok Dangerous.** (R)11:50, 2:20, 5:15, 7:40, 10:30. **Burn After Reading.** (R)11:45, 2:15, 5, 7:25, 10:05. **The Dark Knight.** (PG-13)1:40, 7:35. **Death Race.** (R)11:10, 4:55, 11. **Disaster Movie.** (PG-13)1:50.

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### primetime

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
2-WCBS	CBS News	CBS News	The Insider	Entertain	Big Bang Th	How I Met	Two Men	Old Christine	CSI: Miami (TV14)		News
4-WNBC	4 NY News	NBC News	NY News	Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (N) (TVPG)	America's Toughest Jobs			Dateline NBC (N)		4 NY News
5-WNYW	Fox 5 News	TMZ (TVPG)	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sarah Connor Chronicles	Prison Break (TV14)			Fox 5 News at 10 (N)		Seinfeld
7-WABC	News	ABC News	Jeopardy! (N)	Fortune	Batman Begins*** (2005, Action)	Christian Bale, Liam Neeson. (PG-13)					News
9-WWOR	Inside	Raymond	King	King	Celebrity Exposé	Celebrity Exposé			My 9 News-Blackmon		Law Cl
11-WPIX	Family Guy	Friends	Two Men	Family Guy	Gossip Girl (N) (TV14)	One Tree Hill (TVPG)			CW11 News at Ten		Two Men
13-WNET	BBC World	Business	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Antiques Roadshow (TVG)	History Detectives (TVG)	Where We Stand					Charlie Rose
21-WLIW	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	BBC World	Vis. Germany	American Soundtrack: Doo Wop's Greatest Hits (TVG)		WLIW Favorites					
55-WLNY	Dr. Phil (TVPG)	Oprah Winfrey (TVPG)	Three to Tango* (1999, Romance-Comedy)			Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News			

### news

CNBC	Mad Money	Kudlow & Company	On the Money	Apprentice Byd	The Big Idea With Deutsch	Mad Money
CNN	(4) The Situation Room	Lou Dobbs Tonight	CNN Election Center	Larry King Live (TVPG)	Anderson Cooper 360 (TVPG)	
FNC	Special Report	Fox Report-Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity & Colmes	On the Record	O'Reilly
MSNBC	White House	Hardball	Countdown-Olbermann	The Rachel Maddow Show	Countdown-Olbermann	Lockup

### sports

ESPN	Monday Night Kickoff	Monday Night Countdown	NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys. (HDTV) (Live) (TVPG)			
ESPN2	Horn	Boxing	Poker	2008 World Series of Poker	Baseball Tonight (HDTV) (Live)	E:60 (N)
MSG	Halls Fame	Ranger	Game 365	Youngblood** (1986, Drama)	Rob Lowe, Cynthia Gibb. Premiere.	MSG, NY
MSGPL	High School Football	Baseball	Game 365	International Fight League	Hooters Pageant	MSG, NY
SNY	Loud Mouths	Mets Pre	MLB Baseball New York Mets at Washington Nationals. (HDTV) (Live)	Postgame	SportsNite	SportsNite
YES	Yankees Bat	Yankees Pre.	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at New York Yankees. (HDTV) (Live)		Yankees Post.	Joe Girardi

### family

DISN	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Montana	Gotta Kick It Up** (2002, Drama)	Phineas-Ferb
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	iCarly (TVY7)	My Family's	Home Imp.
TOON	Misadv. of	Misadv. of	Robotboy	Skunk Fu!	George	Ben 10: Alien
						Johnny Test
						Johnny Test
						Chowder
						Ben 10
						Family Guy

### cable variety

A&E	Cold Case Files (TV14)	Intervention (TV14)	Intervention (TV14)	Intervention (TV14)	Paranormal	Paranormal	Paranormal
BRV	Project Runway (TV14)	Project Runway (TV14)	Project Runway (TV14)	Project Runway (TV14)	Project Runway (TV14)	Project Runway (TV14)	Kathy Griffin
COM	Hebrew	RENO 911!	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama
DSC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How-Made	How-Made	Dinosaurs: Return to Life?	Dino Mummy	Into the Unknown
EI	Wild Dating 2	The Soup	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Ever After*** (1998, Romance)	Drew Barrymore.	Dr. 90210 (N) (TV14)
FAM	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	'70s Show	Holes*** (2003, Adventure)	Sigourney Weaver, Jon Voight.	Funniest Home Videos	The 700 Club
FX	(5) V for Vendetta*** (2006, Action) (R)				S.W.A.T.** (2003, Action)	Samuel L. Jackson. (PG-13)	Changing Lanes (R)
LIFE	Reba (TVPG)	Reba (TVPG)	Reba (TVPG)	Reba (TVPG)	Coco Chanel (2008, Biography) (HDTV)	Shirley MacLaine, Malcolm McDowell.	Will & Grace
MTV	Busted (N)	Busted	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Exiled	Exiled	The Hills (N)
SCIFI	(4) National Treasure	Lost "Pilot" (TV14)	Lost "Pilot"	Lost "Pilot"	Lost "Tabula Rasa"	Lost "Walkabout"	Gurren
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
TNT	Law & Order (TVPG)	Law & Order (HDTV) (TV14)	Law & Order (HDTV) (TV14)	The Closer (TV14)	The Closer (N) (TV14)	Raising the Bar (N) (TV14)	Bones (TV14)
USA	(5:59) NCIS	Law & Order: SVU	House "Control"	House "Control"	WWE Monday Night Raw (HDTV) (Live) (TV14)		Burn Notice
VH1	Fabulous Life Of... (TVPG)	Brooke	Brooke	I Love Money (TV14)	I Want to Work for Diddy	New York	Advisory
WGN	7th Heaven (TVG)	7th Heaven (TVG)	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs


### movies

AMC	(5:30) The Karate Kid** (1984, Action) (PG)	Troy*** (2004, Adventure) (HDTV)	Brad Pitt, Eric Bana, Orlando Bloom. (R)			
HBO	Meet the Parents*** (2000, Comedy) (PG-13)	Real Time With Bill Maher	Smokin' Aces** (2007, Action)	Ben Affleck. (R)		Bad Boys (R)
IFC	Dark Blue	(6:45) The Assassination of Richard Nixon (R)	Whitest Kids	Guinevere** (1999, Drama)	Stephen Rea. (R)	Stage Beauty
MAX	Whole 9	The Comebacks* (2007, Comedy)	Georgia Rule* (2007, Drama)	Jane Fonda. (R)	Rendition** (2007, Suspense) (R)	
SHOW	Earth Girl	Arthur and the Invisibles (2006) (PG)	(8:15) Daddy's Little Girls (2007, Romance)		Weeds	California
TMC	Interview	(6:25) One Last Thing... (2005)	Babel*** (2006, Drama) (HDTV)	Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett. (R)		Bobby** (2006) (R)

## critics' choice

### TONIGHT'S REVIEW OF TV

**Prison Break**  
 If it weren't for bad luck, they'd have no luck at all. But the tide may be turning for Michael and Lincoln (Wentworth Miller, Dominic Purcell); at least they got out of Sonja and found out Sara (Sarah Wayne Callies) isn't dead after all. Let's see if their lucky streak holds out long enough for them to achieve their goal of taking down The Company.  
 9 PM on 5-WNYW



Wentworth Miller stars in "Prison Break"

tonight's HDTV picks

**Batman Begins**  
 Christian Bale is the latest actor to assume the role of Gotham City's caped crusader — or, more accurately in this case, Dark Knight — in director Christopher Nolan's ("Memento") reinterpretation of the saga. Batman's alter ego, Bruce Wayne, is assisted by several mentors (Liam Neeson, Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine) en route to teaming up with a childhood friend (Katie Holmes) to stop the fearsome Scarecrow (Cillian Murphy).  
 8 PM on 7-WABC

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# Son finds ‘Father’s Paradise’

By **Abe Lebovic**  
Special to amNewYork

A precocious Jewish child bounds from rooftop to rooftop in his 1940’s Iraqi Kurdistan neighborhood, the shouts of the bargaining cotton merchants wafting from the street below, the gurgling of the Habur River in the near distance. Idyllic times.

An uncool, immigrant, professor dad from Kurdish Iraq, an American mom from New York, a rebellious and resentful all-American teenager in 1980s Los Angeles.

The teen wishes his father were as hip as his friend’s rock-concert producer dad who drives a DeLorean. It’s just not going to happen. Ariel Sabar’s father’s Chevette suites him just fine.

In “My Father’s Paradise,” Ariel Sabar finally comes to terms with his father, Yona, who is one of the world’s foremost experts of Aramaic, and which is his mother tongue.

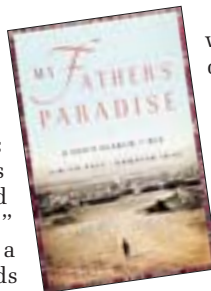
“When my son was born in 2002, it finally got me thinking,” Sabar said from Denver, where he’s covering the Republican National Convention for the Christian Science Monitor. “I knew I wasn’t the end of the line, that I come from



Ariel Sabar comes to term with his father, Yona, in his new book, “My Father’s Paradise.”

someplace. I had a lot to answer for.”

That and his father’s Aramaic linguistics skills being utilized on “The X-Files” (“a show which a lot of my friends



watched”) set him on a two year journey — including traveling to Iraq twice — of finally digging deep into his family and Jewish Kurdish history (more than 100

interviews) to unravel the layers that make up the man who is his father.

He discovered that after the elder Sabar moved to Israel in 1951, he struggled with a lot of problems, most notably feeling like the most outside in a country of outsiders.

The Israeli hierarchical system was not kind to the new immigrants, and the Jewish Kurds found themselves at the bottom of the heap.

Soon his father wanted to change everything about himself, including his name (it was originally Sabagh). He lied about his Kurdish roots. He immersed himself in everything Western, but in the end he couldn’t shake off the ties to his warm and traditional upbringing. Aramaic kept on dancing in his imagination, which eventually led him to a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Language and Literature from Yale.

The story is written with the skill of a wizened, Kurdish campfire storyteller regaling the youth of his village. It will make you wish for every father and son to each discover their individual paradise.

These days Sabar’s father drives a two-decade-old Toyota Tercel, and it suits his son just fine.

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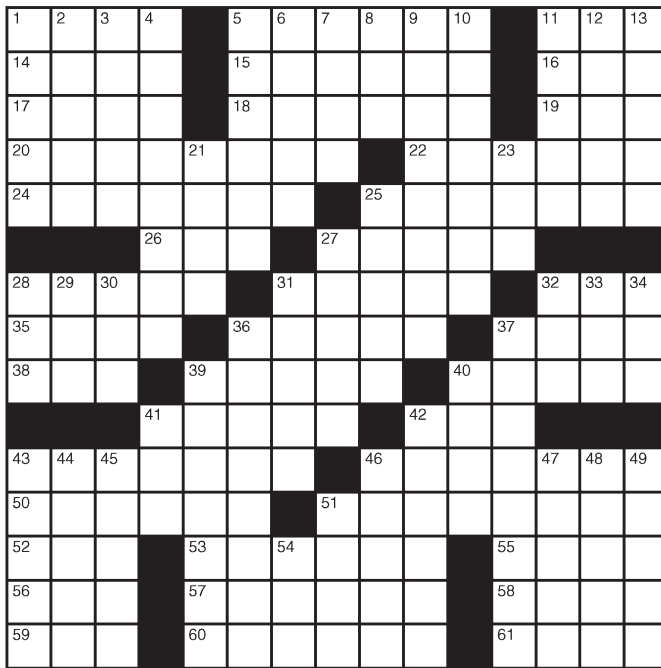


**Crossword Puzzle**

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

**ACROSS**

- 1 Dishonorable guys
- 5 \_\_\_ Newton-John
- 11 Concorde, e.g.
- 14 Decisive defeat
- 15 Say by rote
- 16 Wanted letters
- 17 Advocate
- 18 More profound
- 19 Combine
- 20 First courses
- 22 Statuary stone
- 24 Hide processors
- 25 Ceremonial acts
- 26 Ship letters
- 27 Group of twelve
- 28 Flower holders
- 31 Parts of shoes
- 32 Make a wager
- 35 Diet for dobbin
- 36 Bogged down
- 37 Feathered friend
- 38 Bad-mouth
- 39 Becker or Karloff
- 40 Instruments for minstrels
- 41 Melodies
- 42 Turkish title of respect
- 43 Casual tops
- 46 Stiff hair
- 50 Magic potion
- 51 Cartoonist Berke
- 52 Gadgeteer Popeil
- 53 Greek sea
- 55 Persian Gulf nation
- 56 NYC arena
- 57 Most up-to-date



- 58 \_\_\_ Verde National Park
- 59 That girl
- 60 Tree-hanging vegans
- 61 Mothers of lambs

**DOWN**

- 1 Pizza part
- 2 Blood channel
- 3 Dennis of "Parent-hood"

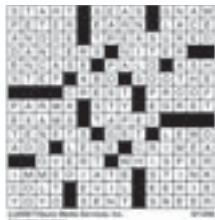
- 4 Breastbones
- 5 Commands
- 6 Suggestive stares
- 7 Caps the cupcakes
- 8 Big wheel
- 9 Listed
- 10 Makes fizzy
- 11 Carioca's cousin
- 12 Expertise
- 13 Government's due
- 21 Hardy lass
- 23 Stocking flaw
- 25 Dramatic parts
- 27 Actress Day
- 28 Turf
- 29 Skater Babilonia
- 30 UFO pilots
- 31 Fathers
- 32 Bridle part
- 33 Afore
- 34 6-pointers
- 36 Canadian city
- 37 Stalls
- 39 Interments

- 40 Han Solo's love
- 41 Ducats
- 42 Sutter and Spiner
- 43 Provisions
- 44 Agitate a liquid
- 45 Door hardware
- 46 Impetuous
- 47 Let fly
- 48 Tenant contract
- 49 Ferber and Best
- 51 Borscht ingredient
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2	8	6	7	1	4	3	9	5
5	1	9	2	3	8	4	7	6
4	7	3	5	9	6	1	2	8
1	3	8	6	2	9	7	5	4
7	4	2	3	5	1	6	8	9
9	6	5	4	8	7	2	3	1

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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## Letters

### Serve those in need

I found it interesting that politicians from both sides of the aisle continue their push for volunteerism at the second day of the Service Nation summit at Columbia University. I also found it encouraging that our candidates for president are trying to urge the American people and especially our youth to do more volunteering at this forum. We are a nation with many difficulties and our government cannot do it all and shouldn't. We have many of those in need and who are hurting and volunteering serves this need.

Frederick R. Bedell Jr.,  
Glen Oaks Village

### When does life end?

Network newscasters might better serve the public by eliciting candidates' views on when life ends rather than on when it begins. The progressive liberal position holds that life ends if we don't address global warming. Life ends if we don't stop polluting our rivers and oceans. It ends if we don't rid the world of nuclear weapons. It ends when we support governments that produce oil and despots. It ends if we continue to solve problems militarily. It ends if we vitiate science education with creationism. It can end when we eschew teaching methods of birth control for preaching abstinence, and pregnancy is

the result. It would end for many with the criminalization of free choice either to end an unwanted pregnancy or to have a baby.

Beth M. Pacheco, Brooklyn

### Palin a disaster

Hooray for Matt Damon, who called McCain's choice of Sarah Palin a "disaster." Damon is telling it like it is. McCain harps on his own military service, his patriotism, and his readiness to protect America. But what American who really loves this country would in these dangerous times place it in the control of an inexperienced, untrained politician, just in order to win votes?

Suzanne Kistler, Manhattan

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## That's weird!

### Canine calls 9-1-1, saves owner

"Man's best friend" doesn't go far enough for Buddy — a German shepherd who remembered his training and saved his owner's life by calling 911 when the man had a seizure. On a recording of the 911 call Wednesday, Buddy is heard whimpering and barking after the dispatcher answers and repeatedly asks if the caller needs help. Owner Joe Stalnaker recovered from the seizure.



## Today's birthdays

Actor **Jackie Cooper** is 86. Comedian **Norm Crosby** is 81. Actor-sportscaster **Merlin Olsen** is 68. Actor **Tommy Lee Jones** is 62. Movie director **Oliver Stone** is 62. Actor **Josh Charles** ("Sports Night") is 37. Actress **Amy Davidson** ("8 Simple Rules") is 29.

Amy Davidson (Getty)

## Your Horoscope

By Linda Black

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**Sept. 15** • You'll learn how to get along with others this year, or else. Numerous problems arise that require cooperation. Learn to give, take, manage and adapt. You'll get good at this if you pay attention.

#### 06 Aries (March 21-April 19)

Don't worry if you're off to a slow start this morning. New complications require pondering before you decide which way to go.

#### 07 Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Don't freak out when you get the bills. Remember, you were warned. Take full responsibility to assuage any feelings of guilt. Face the facts and don't whine.

#### 07 Gemini (May 21-June 21)

The situation that's developing will turn out well, so don't stress out. There's never much use in worrying anyway, as you may have already noticed.

#### 06 Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Something you haven't done is in the way of something you want to do. You hate it when this happens, but you can deal with the situation.

#### 08 Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

The action picks up as the day progresses. Don't fret if you get a slow start. Do figure out early what you want. You'll build up speed later.

#### 08 Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Proceed with caution. Odds are high that you or somebody nearby will get confused and do something stupid. Drive defensively.

#### 05 Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Don't rely too heavily on new skills or information. Listen to and watch people who have lots of experience. Take the best of both.

#### 07 Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

All of a sudden you're behind, and it isn't even your fault. The good news is that extra work will help you pay off a few bills.

#### 05 Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Luckily, you're pretty good at multitasking. It's safe to assume that everything that can change today, will. Keep all the balls in the air, but don't worry if they turn into rabbits.

#### 06 Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You might be slightly tired from social activities. Going back to your work routine could be a welcome relief.

#### 05 Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You can't afford to foot the whole bill yourself. You'll have to talk everybody on the team into pitching in. You can do this, and so can they.

#### 06 Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

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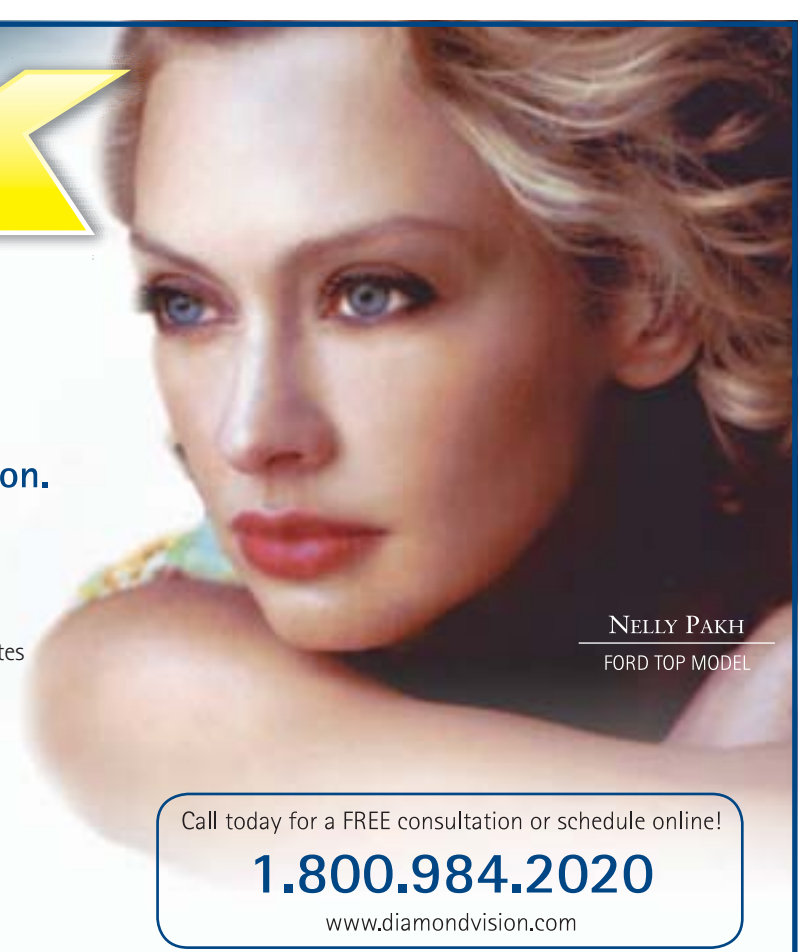
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# The ultramarathon man

Runners get a rush from extreme races

By Heather Newman  
Detroit Free Press

Imagine yourself running along a peaceful wooded trail with the leaves swishing overhead and the smell of dirt filling your nose. Now picture yourself doing that for seven or 10 hours at a time.

This is what keeps some ultramarathoners — runners who get a rush from races longer than a marathon's 26.2 miles — coming back.

They're the hard core in a sport that is itself hard-core. They think marathons are fun and useful for training for the real races that are 50 kilometers, 50 miles, even 100 miles.

There are hundreds of those races a year world-



Tony Hanks, 33, started training for a 50K ultramarathon after facing adult onset diabetes over a year ago. (Detroit Free Press)

wide. The 89K Comrades Marathon in South Africa, one of the world's most famous ultramarathons, draws about 12,000 runners.

Tony Hanks of Livonia, Mich., was facing adult onset diabetes at 32 years old. His sedentary lifestyle included a job in sales

where he shuffled between his desk and his car.

"I gained a lot of weight and was out of shape," said Hanks, now 33. "I thought, 'I really need to get myself back together.'"

Hanks set an ambitious goal: Having never run more than 10 miles, he decided he was going to fin-

ish the Detroit Marathon. A new goal eventually became to complete it in five hours, as that would qualify him for the ultramarathon training class.

The pounds melted away. He went from 250 to a muscular 188. His first marathon was a rude awakening but he finished it.

## Botox may help migraines

By Julie Deardorff  
Chicago Tribune

A migraine is a "neurological illness" caused by an abnormality in brain chemistry. A headache is only a symptom.

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Fat can be good, especially the monosaturated variety found in most nuts, avocados, olives and olive oil.

# How to eat good fats

By Alison Johnson  
 Daily Press

Dieters often fear fat, but it actually is crucial to good health. The trick is to eat foods with the right kinds of fat and avoid the others. Here are some tips from nutritionists about how to make "good" fats work for you.

### 1. Understand what "good" fats do.

The body uses these substances for many functions, including creating energy, maintaining cells, transporting vitamins and creating hormone-like com-

pounds that help regulate blood pressure and heart rate. Healthy fats also can help lower bad cholesterol levels.

**2. Go for monounsaturated fats.** Good food sources include olive oil, fish oil, avocados and olives — yes, fruits can contain healthy fats — and most nuts.

**3. And polyunsaturated fats.** Soybeans, whole-grain wheat and vegetable oils, including corn, saffron, sunflower and soy, contain these fats.

**4. As well as Omega-3 fatty acids.** These types

of polyunsaturated fats appear to lower the risk of coronary artery disease and may guard against irregular heartbeats and high blood pressure. Go for salmon, herring, flaxseeds, walnuts and leafy green vegetables.

**5. Limit trans and saturated fats.** Trans fats are common in commercial baked goods such as crackers and cookies, as well as in fried foods like doughnuts. Saturated fats are most often found in animal products (full-fat dairy and red meat), partially-hydrogenated oils such as

Crisco and coconut, palm and other tropical oils.

**6. Use moderation.** All types of fat are high in calories, so keep portions small. A handful of nuts — roughly 25 almonds, for example — is all you need for a snack. If you're cooking with olive oil, spray a small amount into a non-stick pan or lightly brush the oil onto meat, fish or vegetables before grilling.

**7. Eat well and exercise.** Weight gain doesn't come from fat (or carbohydrates) per se — it comes from too many calories overall and not enough activity.

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More older women may have been interested in sex,

but there aren't as many available older men, the study found.

Researchers surveyed 1,550 women and 1,455 men ages 57 to 85. Results appeared in the Journal of Sexual Medicine.

(U.S. News & World Report)



Spices affect cholesterol.

## Health quiz: Spice rack

Spices give your recipes a flavor boost but do they give your body a nutrition boost, too? Find out how much you know about spices. Answer true or false to the following:

**1.** In some studies, regularly adding cinnamon to your diet can reduce cholesterol.

**2.** Mustard seed lowers LDL (bad) cholesterol and raises HDL (good) cholesterol.

**3.** Ground red pepper causes blood clots.

**4.** Oregano raises HDL (good) cholesterol.

**5.** Ginger calms your stomach and reduces formation of blood clots.

**6.** Peppermint raises LDL (bad) cholesterol.

**Answers:** 1) True; 2) True; 3) False. It can help dissolve clots. 4) True; 5) True; 6) False

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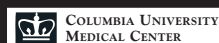
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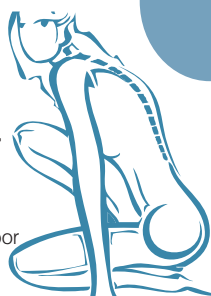
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By Drs. Kay Judge and  
Maxine Barish-Wreden  
McClatchy Newspapers

The secret to a long life is actually pretty simple, according to recent research from the National Institute on Aging.

After tracking more than 2,300 people for more than 50 years, researchers there found that calm and active people lived longer than their counterparts.

These findings came from data collected by the Baltimore Longitudinal Study of Aging — the oldest running study on aging — and were published in the July/August issue of the journal *Psychosomatic Medicine*.

The most recent findings looked at the link between personality traits of people and their lifespan. The data showed certain traits were definitively linked to a longer life, including emotional stability, organization, discipline, conscientiousness and resourcefulness.

Certain other traits led



Emotional stability is linked to longer life, study says.

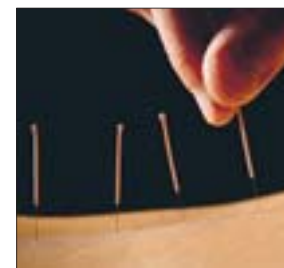
to a shorter life: anger, emotional instability, anxiousness and depression, among them. The study concluded that "longevity was associated with being conscientious, emotionally stable, and active."

This study isn't new news. In a similar 2003 study, researchers found that men with Type A personalities — "competitive, impatient, uptight" — had heart attacks earlier than those who did not

have one.

It's important to note that personality or activity level isn't fixed or predetermined and that it can be proactively changed.

Helpful tools of change may include formal psychological intervention; hobbies; a new sport; activities such as walking, tai chi, or yoga; spirituality; a career overhaul or self-help.



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**What's the best natural way to combat the aches and pains of arthritis?**

First, there are more than 100 types of arthritis. The best remedy often depends on the type of arthritis a person has. Unfortunately, we have no convincing evidence that natural remedies will reliably and effectively treat symptoms of the most common types of arthritis.

That said, here's what I consider some of the best complementary remedies for symptoms of arthritis:

**Weight Loss.** For most forms of arthritis, taking the load off a weight-bearing joint (such as the knee) by losing excess weight can be helpful.

**Exercise.** Physical activity may provide significant benefits for many types of arthritis. Exercise can include land or water-based physical activities or other low-impact exercises that strengthen muscles around arthritic joints.

**Vitamin D.** Low levels of vitamin D are common, may cause achiness and have been linked with an increased risk of osteoarthritis. While increasing vitamin D intake is unlikely to produce a prompt reduction in arthritis symptoms, it may reduce bone pain.

**Acupuncture.** Well-designed studies suggest that acupuncture may be effective for osteoarthritis, fibromyalgia, and other chronic pain. Just how acupuncture improves symptoms of arthritis is uncertain.

**Diet.** While recommendations abound regarding which foods to favor and which to avoid for various types of arthritis, the link between diet and arthritis is strongest for one particular type of arthritis, gout. Limiting alcohol and high purine foods (such as herring, anchovies, liver, and bacon) can reduce the frequency of gout attacks in some people.

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While most people that are infected with West Nile virus make a full recovery, many may develop conditions such as impaired physical and mental function that can linger for roughly a year, suggests a study published in August in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

The study of 156 people with the illness showed that fatigue and mood problems may develop as well and those with the most severe complications may take longer to recover.

The study also found that men and those who lack coexisting health problems had a faster recovery

**About 1 in 150  
people with  
West Nile ends  
up with severe  
symptoms.**

of their mental function. About 80 percent of people

who are exposed to the West Nile virus don't develop symptoms but about 20 percent end up with West Nile fever.

About 1 in 150 people who have West Nile ends up with severe symptoms such as neck stiffness, high fever, stupor, disorientation, tremors, coma, vision loss, weakness and paralysis, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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QUOTE: 'A KEEN EYE AND AN ORIGINAL PERSPECTIVE ARE ESSENTIAL.' — Designer Zahra Saeed

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## Banker makes the leap to the fashion business

By Karen Tina Harrison  
Special to amNewYork

**The big career switch**  
From mortgage banker to fashion designer

**Who pulled it off?**  
Zahra Saeed, 33, creates luxury clothes for stylish professional women (www.zahrasaeed.com).

**Why'd she do a 180°?**  
"Banking was exciting and challenging. But I wanted to be my own boss, and fashion is close to my heart. A tailor would come to our house when I grew up in Lahore, Pakistan, and I fell in love with the gorgeous fabrics he'd drape and pin."

**How'd she do it?**  
"I used to run a construction company on the side that converted old buildings into condos. I was able to fund my own line, but many designers need a backer to start up."

**What does a fashion designer do?**  
"I do two collections a



Ex-banker Zahra Saeed's designs include this silk "Aphrodite" dress.

(Marion Curtis)

year, a hundred pieces each. The first month, I sketch, design and choose fabrics. Then my pattern-maker sews everything, and we tweak it. I also have a junior designer and salesperson. Seamstresses, too — I proudly

make my clothes right here in NYC."

**What does a designer need?**

"You have to keep up with fashion and identify and know your market. Business savvy helps you plan

# 180°

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long-term. A keen eye and an original perspective are essential. I'm inspired by the perfection of simple things, whether a scrap of velvet or a flower."

**What can you get out of this job?**

"I work long hours every day — I'm paying my dues. Even my regular fabric-buying trips to Paris and Milan are hard work. But it's been incredibly rewarding to see my empty studio become filled with activity and beautiful clothes."

**What else is there to know?**

"The Zahra Saeed customer wants clothes that are so well made, they could be worn inside out. If I compromised my ideals and did what everyone else does, I'd lose her."



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## The tough task of managing telecommuters

By Joyce M. Rosenberg  
AP Business Writer

With gasoline prices expected to remain uncomfortably high, many small businesses are letting some staffers work at home. And some owners are discovering that allowing employees to telecommute can require a different management style and some basic trust.

It can be challenging for a boss who's used to having everyone in the office in plain sight — and who now has much less control over someone who's working in pajamas with "The View" on TV in the background. Or a staffer who takes time away from work during the day to start cooking dinner or walk the dog.

"The biggest issue I have is tracking time and knowing when he's working," said Lloyd Princeton, who owns a consulting firm with offices on both coasts, and has seven employees, including one who telecommutes.

But, Princeton said, "he gets the work done. He does quality work for clients."

Of course, onsite workers may come in late after a doctor's appointment or run personal errands during the afternoon just as Princeton's worker does.

Still, there are whole companies and even industries that now rely on employees who work from home, such as customer service or telemarketing firms. And

many use high-tech tools, including conferencing and networking systems, to ease communications between telecommuters and the office, and some use software to help monitor workflows.

"You're trusting people to do the work" says Steve Lundin, who owns a Chicago-based public relations firm, and has learned to shrug off the doubts. "At the end of the day, there is some fluff

**You're trusting people to do the work.**

— Steve Lundin of a Chicago-based public relations firm

time you're paying for, but what you bill out for is far more than what you're paying them."

Telecommuters can also end up being out of the loop. There can be bruised feelings, whether the staffer is missing out on something work-related, or even a bit of gossip that everyone else was sharing.

That kind of disconnect is one of the downsides of telecommuting, says Tory Johnson, CEO of Women For Hire, a New York-based recruitment services firm.

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Psssst ... Rumor has it that you're looking for another job. I want to make sure you snag it, so here are some tips from Frances Jones, author of "How to Wow" for acting in an interview.

**Agree and Add**

This is the first rule of improvisational theater and job interviewing.

In the business world, this means your answer to a question such as, "Can you come in this afternoon at three?" is, "Yes, of course." Not, "I think so. Let me check with my spouse/the babysitter/my trainer."

Having agreed, hang up the phone and figure out the details on your own time.

This also applies if



A few tips can help with a job interview.

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inquiries are made about a skill set that can be acquired quickly.

For example: "Do you know how to run a focus group, embed video in a PowerPoint

presentation, coordinate a marketing newsletter blast?" Your answer should be, "Yes."

After that, cancel all plans and do the research.

**Know Your Softball Swing**

Interviewers will always ask you an easy-to-hit question. For example: "What did you like best about your last job?" or "Why do you want to come work for us?"

In these moments, give a specific story. "The thing I liked best about my last job was the camaraderie. For example, one thing my team and I did was ..."

**Find Their Egg**

There's a famous story about the decision to have the home-baker add the egg to the Duncan Hines cake mix to give lazy cooks everywhere the feeling of "Eureka! I baked this myself!"

Similarly, you need to find what "egg" your interviewer will be adding to your success. Articulating for them their contribution to your achievement means they are far more likely to get invested in your success. So egg them on.

For more from Karen Salmansohn  
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## Don't use a job offer to prove your worth

By Lily Garcia

Special to The Washington Post

**A reader writes: If I were offered another position by this outside organization, would it be wise to bring up the other offer to my current superiors to show how well-regarded I am by outside organizations, or would it be inappropriate to bring up another offer while under consideration for the dream job? Would I be better off keeping my mouth shut about the other offer until they come up with a decision about the dream job?**

It is a no-no to tell your current employer that you have been offered another job unless you are prepared to tender your resignation. Bringing up the fact that you have another offer with the explicit purpose of leveraging a raise or promotion is in terrible taste. It is a maneuver that calls your loyalty and integrity into question and might leave your employer wondering whether

you really are as valuable as you think you are. Worse still, they might call your bluff and, rather than scrambling to keep you, may wish you well in your future endeavors and show you the door. Never mind the impact on your reputation with the employer that offers you the other job. Suppose you do get your dream job with your current organization. If you leave them with the impression that you only interviewed so that you could secure a bargaining chip to use with your current employer, they will be hesitant to consider you in the future.

**You don't need another offer to prove your worth.**

You don't need another offer to prove your worth. Keep detailed records of the milestones you have achieved and use metrics, whenever possible, to make the case.

The best way to secure a raise or a promotion is not to prove how much people outside of the organization like you, but to do a great job and make sure that your leaders know about it.

## Paid sick days are a top employee perk

Most large companies offer paid sick days to employees, but 43 percent of the private work force didn't have them in 2007, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. There are no federal or state laws mandating paid sick days, although Washington, D.C., and San Francisco guarantee them.

A recent survey of 1,493 adults by the National Opinion Research Center found 82 percent of respondents considered paid sick leave for one's self a "very important" employee benefit.

It ranked fourth after equal pay for equal work, a safe workplace and affordable health insurance — and ahead of retirement benefits and paid vacations.

And 77 percent of respondents said paid sick days were a "very important" labor standard for workers.

Half of respondents "agreed very strongly" that paid sick days were a "basic worker's right," and 75 percent "strongly favored" a law guaranteeing all workers a minimum number of paid sick days — although the number dropped to 66 percent after respondents heard arguments for and against such a law.

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- 82 percent consider paid sick leave a "very important" employee benefit.
- 77 percent say sick days were a "very important" labor standard for workers.
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(National Paid Sick Days Study)

(AP)

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# Pats' dominance intact

## Key Favre pick costs Jets in loss

By Dennis Waszak Jr.  
The Associated Press

Life without Tom Brady in the AFC East picture might not be so easy for the Jets, after all.

New England's Matt Cassel was efficient running the offense in his first NFL start, taking over for the injured quarterback and leading the Patriots over Brett Favre and the Jets 19-10 yesterday.

Favre went 18-of-26 for 181 yards and a TD for the Jets (1-1), but the Patriots took advantage of a big mistake by the veteran.

With the Jets facing a third-and-22 from their 11, Favre ran out of the pocket to his left and flung a pass to Chansi Stuckey for 28 yards. Three plays later, though, Favre made a poor decision, hanging a pass intended for Chris Baker



Ellis Hobbs breaks up a pass intended for Jerricho Cotchery (89) on a frustrating day for the Jets. (Getty)

<b>Patriots (2-0)</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Jets (1-1)</b>	<b>10</b>
at Giants Stadium	

that was easily picked off by Brandon Meriweather for Favre's first interception with the Jets.

Cassel, who hadn't started at any level since his senior year of high school, was 16-of-23 for 165 yards, Sammy Morris ran for a touchdown and Stephen Gostkowski kicked four field goals.

The Jets and Patriots receiver Randy Moss said

New England was still the team to beat even without Brady, who was lost for the season last Sunday when he injured his left knee against Kansas City.

The Patriots (2-0) then showed why, ruining the Jets' home opener and Favre's first regular-season

home start for the team. New England won its 21st straight regular-season game, and beat the Jets for the eighth straight time at the Meadowlands.

Favre led the Jets back into it, connecting with Stuckey for a 2-yard touchdown with 10:18 left.

# Manning, Vinatieri lead Colts' comeback

Peyton Manning rallied Indianapolis from a 15-0 hole late in the third quarter at Minnesota, moving Adam Vinatieri into position for the winning field goal with 3 seconds left.

Avoiding his first 0-2 start since his rookie season in 1998, Manning zinged a 20-yard pass on third-and-9 to Reggie Wayne before Vinatieri made his 47-yard kick for the 18-15 win.

## Packers 48, Lions 25

Aaron Rodgers threw three touchdown passes in the first four drives of his second start, helping Green Bay build a big lead it needed at Detroit.

The Lions are 0-2 for the fifth time since 2001.

## Raiders 23, Chiefs 8

Raiders rookie Darren McFadden ran for 164 yards and a touchdown and Sebastian Janikowski kicked a team-record 56-yard field goal against an inept Chiefs team that tried three quarterbacks.

Lane Kiffin won for just the fifth time 18 games as coach of the Raiders (1-1).

## Titans 24, Bengals 7

Backup quarterback Kerry Collins threw his first touchdown pass in two years and rookie Chris Johnson ran for 109 yards

### OTHER SCORES

- San Francisco 33, Seattle 30
- Tampa Bay 24, Atlanta 9
- Arizona 31, Miami 10

without injured starting quarterback Vince Young.

## Bills 20, Jaguars 16

Trent Edwards was good early and even better late, doing just enough to lead the Bills (2-0) to their best start in five years. The host Jaguars (0-2) are off to their worst start since 2003.

## Panthers 20, Bears 17

After watching the host Bears build a big lead behind a stout defense and

a rookie running back, the Panthers used the same combo to come back.

## Redskins 29, Saints 24

Jason Campbell hit Santana Moss for a game-winning 67-yard touchdown pass for host Washington. Campbell completed 24 of 36 passes for 321 yards.

## Broncos 39, Chargers 38

Coach Mike Shanahan went for the 2-point conversion with 29 seconds left and Jay Cutler hit rookie Eddie Royal over the middle for host Denver, stunning San Diego. (AP)



Peyton Manning, top, and Adam Vinatieri kept Indy from an 0-2 start. (Getty)

### Briefs

#### NCAA FOOTBALL

**USC pulls away, Georgia slips again in AP Top 25**  
Southern California is now a no-doubt-about-it No. 1 in the AP Top 25, and there's a new No. 2 as Georgia slipped again. The Trojans' resounding 35-3 victory against Ohio State on Saturday night made USC an overwhelming No. 1 in the media poll. USC received 61 first-place votes and 1,596 points yesterday. Oklahoma moved past Georgia into No. 2. The Bulldogs barely got past South Carolina 14-7 on Saturday and the Sooners notched their third straight blowout victory, winning 55-14 at Washington. Ohio State dropped eight spots to No. 13.

#### NASCAR

#### Biffle stuns Chase field with New Hampshire win

Greg Biffle snapped a 33-race winless streak with a late surge past Jimmie Johnson to



Biffle

win the opening race in the Chase for the championship. Johnson, the two-time defending series champion, seemed to have the first

round of the Chase locked up after leading a race-high 96 laps yesterday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. But a pair of late cautions gave Biffle a chance, and he seized it by passing Johnson with 12 laps to go for the surprise win.

#### TENNIS

#### Kuznetsova helps Russia shellac Spain for Fed Cup

Russia won its fourth Fed Cup in five years yesterday, de-



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feating Spain when Svetlana Kuznetsova beat Anabel Medina Garrigues 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 to clinch the title. The victory gave

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# Bullpen costs Mets

By Mike Fitzpatrick  
The Associated Press

A dreadful bullpen is making it awfully difficult for the Mets to avoid another September meltdown.

Braves (67-83)	7
Mets (83-65)	4
at Shea Stadium	

Fill-in closer Luis Ayala gave up a go-ahead homer to pinch-hitter Greg Norton, and the Atlanta Braves rallied for five runs in the ninth inning yesterday and a 7-4 victory that trimmed the Mets' tenuous NL East lead over Philadelphia to 1½ games at press time.

Wasting two homers by David Wright and a strong start from Oliver Perez, the Mets lost for the ninth time in 30 games.

The Mets squandered a seven-game cushion with 17 to play last year, letting Philadelphia charge past them for the division title in one of the worst collapses in baseball history.



Oliver Perez allowed just four hits in seven innings, but the Mets wasted his effort. (AP)

Desperately trying to erase those painful memories, the Mets had 17 games remaining coming into this series and dropped two of three to the fourth-place Braves (67-83).

Missing injured closer Billy Wagner for the rest of the season, the bullpen failed to hold an eighth-inning lead for Johan Santana in the opener of Saturday's

doubleheader and flopped again Sunday.

Ayala (2-9) began the ninth with a 4-2 lead and allowed consecutive singles to Casey Kotchman and pinch-hitter Kelly Johnson. Norton then drove a full-count delivery into the Mets' right-field bullpen — appropriately — for a 5-4 Atlanta edge.

It was Norton's third

pinch-hit homer this season. After Ayala was lifted, the Braves tacked on two more. Gregor Blanco hit an RBI double off Pedro Feliciano, and Corky Miller's sacrifice fly against Brian Stokes made it 7-4.

Ayala is 7-for-9 in save opportunities with the Mets, who have 27 blown saves this season — 11 in the ninth inning.

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Derek Jeter, right, belted his 1,269th hit at the Stadium and Alex Rodriguez (13) hit his 17th grand slam. (AP)

## Jeter ties Gehrig hits record in win

Derek Jeter collected three hits for the third straight game, Alex Rodriguez belted a grand slam and the Yankees beat the Tampa Bay Rays 8-4 yesterday to win the weekend series against the AL East leaders.

Yankees (79-70)	8
Rays (88-59)	4
at Yankee Stadium	

Jeter moved into a tie with Lou Gehrig for most career hits at Yankee Stadium (1,269) and Jason Gi-

ambi hit a two-run homer for the Yankees, still clinging to faint playoff hopes during their final series at their longtime home.

Mariano Rivera entered with two on in the ninth and struck out Erick Aybar for his 35th save in 36 opportunities. The All-Star closer also moved into a tie with Lee Smith for second on the career list with 478 saves.

Fernando Perez hit a three-run drive for Tampa Bay, which has a two-game division lead over Boston. It was Perez's first career homer. (AP)

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	88	59	.599	—
Boston	88	61	.591	1
Toronto	80	70	.533	9½
Yankees	79	70	.530	10
Baltimore	66	82	.446	22½

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	81	65	.555	—
Minnesota	82	67	.550	½
Cleveland	72	77	.483	10½
Detroit	70	76	.479	11
Kansas City	65	84	.436	17½

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Los Angeles	91	57	.615	—
Texas	73	76	.490	18½
Oakland	68	80	.459	23
Seattle	57	90	.388	33

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Mets	83	65	.561	—
Philadelphia	82	67	.550	1½
Florida	77	72	.517	6½
Atlanta	67	83	.447	17
Washington	56	93	.376	27½

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	88	58	.603	—
Milwaukee	83	66	.557	6½
Houston	80	67	.544	8½
St. Louis	78	71	.523	11½
Cincinnati	67	81	.453	22
Pittsburgh	63	86	.423	26½

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Los Angeles	77	72	.517	—
Arizona	72	75	.490	4
Colorado	68	82	.453	9½
San Francisco	67	81	.453	9½
San Diego	57	92	.383	20

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**Editor's note:** Game 2 of the doubleheader between Milwaukee and Philadelphia began too late for this edition.



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Jets	1	1	0	.500
Miami	0	2	0	.000

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT
Tennessee	2	0	0	1.000
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500
Houston	0	1	0	.000
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000

WEST	W	L	T	PCT
Denver	2	0	0	1.000
Oakland	1	1	0	.500
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000
San Diego	0	2	0	.000

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONF.

EAST	W	L	T	PCT
Giants	2	0	0	1.000
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000
Washington	1	1	0	.500

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT
Carolina	2	0	0	1.000
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000
Chicago	1	1	0	.500
Detroit	0	2	0	.000
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000

WEST	W	L	T	PCT
Arizona	2	0	0	1.000
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500
Seattle	0	2	0	.000
St. Louis	0	2	0	.000

Late Pittsburgh-Cleveland game not included

# Teaming up in rout

## All-phases effort tops St. Louis

Justin Tuck swatted Marc Bulger's pass out of the air, plucked it from his shoulder pad, and then had time to take in the scenery en route to the end zone. His 41-yard interception return in the fourth quarter was one of several big plays by the Giants' defense in another stifling effort.

"I looked at the Jumbotron and saw I had enough room to slow down," Tuck said. "I don't need to sprint into the end zone. I like to act like I've been there."

The defense spent the entire afternoon in the Rams' backfield, sacking Marc Bulger six times while limiting St. Louis to a fluke touchdown in a 41-13 victory on Sunday.

"Hopefully, this is the start of big things to come," Tuck said. "Six today, but we had the opportunity to



Justin Tuck, right, returned an interception for a TD and recorded two sacks. (Getty)

Giants (2-0)	41
Rams (0-2)	13
at the Edward Jones Dome	

have more."

Eli Manning threw three touchdown passes, sparking an offense that got one touchdown in the opener with a 97-yard drive in

the third quarter. Much of the scoring was window dressing in the Giants' 12th straight victory away from home, a run that includes their Super Bowl victory last February.

The Giants (2-0) have not lost a road game since their opener last season.

The Rams briefly won back restless fans when

Torry Holt scored on a 45-yard pass while flat on his back on a ball twice deflected by safety Kenny Phillips.

But the Giants immediately answered with an 82-yard drive capped when Ahmad Bradshaw was untouched on a 16-yard swing pass that made it 27-13 with 7:18 to go. (AP)

## What to watch

## TV sports this week

## MLB

**SNY** Mets at Washington. Today, 7 p.m.; tomorrow, 7 p.m.; Wed., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m. Pedro Martinez (5-4) gets the ball tonight for the Mets.



Martinez

**YES** Chicago White Sox at Yankees. Today, 7

p.m.; tomorrow, 1 p.m.; Wed., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m. The 25-year-old righty Alfredo Aceves (1-0) starts for the Yankees tonight.



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## MLS

**ESPN2** Red Bulls at Columbus. Thurs., 7 p.m.

## NCAA FOOTBALL

**ESPN2** Kansas State at Louisville. Thurs., 8 p.m.

## NFL

**ESPN** Phila. at Dallas, tonight, 8:30 p.m.

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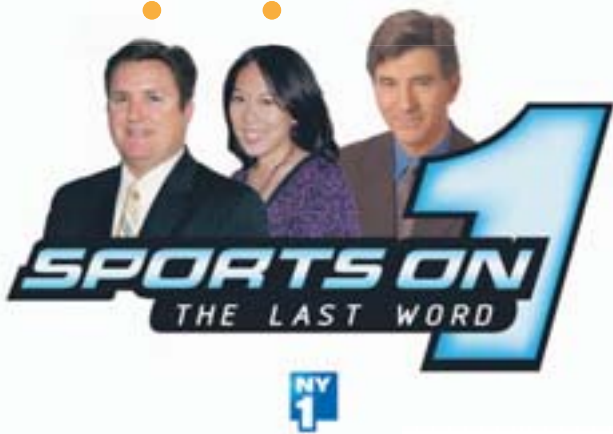
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The origin of Cohn's broadcasting career was not a love of journalism or writing. It was her rabid love of sports — as a Rangers fan in Long Island and as a hockey goalie for her high-school boys' and college women's teams. Sports also helped her escape the strictures of

a dysfunctional family life that hovered between her emotionally volatile mother and her quiet father, and gave her the first taste of being accepted into a boy's club.

Making psychological connections she discovered through counseling, Cohn uses her memoir to self-consciously display her constant thirst for the celebrity and diversion that her work as a "Sports-Center" anchor brings her.

Of her morning pre-work routine of coffee and the New York Post, Cohn writes: "The front of the paper is always too depressing for me; sports are about as much of the real world as I can handle most days."

Sports are probably also the thing Cohn has her best handle on: Just as much as her rise from awkward girl-jock to fill-in local radio newsreader to Seattle sportscaster to ESPN mainstay, Cohn honestly details the slow, painful and inconclusive demise of her marriage to her college sweetheart, her greatest longtime supporter from whom she is now finalizing a divorce.

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