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"If Hillary doesn’t win, we’ll need another women’s movement." Helinka Thielens, a retired computer analyst.

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Corzine ex running for top union post

TRENTON, N.J. A local state worker union president who once dated New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine is running for a top Communications Workers of America post. Carla Katz wants to be vice president of Communications Workers of America’s District 1, which represents more than 190,000 members in 327 CWA local unions in New York, New Jersey, New England and eastern Canada.

**Staten Island**

In the tank

A child watches fish in a new fish tank at St. George Ferry Terminal while waiting for the ferry.

**Man charged with cop crash**

NEW YORK. A Queens man is charged with injuring three NYPD officers by ramming their vehicles with a stolen MTZ police suv. Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said Larry Barton was ordered held on $100,000 bail at his arraignment, after he allegedly rammed a police suv into their vehicle, injuring a detective. Barton was found guilty on charges including assault on an officer. Prosecutors say three plainclothes detectives were going to stop Barton Monday after he entered a stolen Dodge Durango in Jamaica. Barton allegedly rammed the suv into their police car, injuring two officers. All three officers were treated at a local hospital. A call to Barton’s attorney was not immediately returned.

**News in brief**

BROOKLYN. Police last night were searching for a missing youngster in Brooklyn. Victor Nekhlyudov, 16, was last seen Monday on Surf Avenue. He’s described as white and 5-foot-8 inches tall, and 140 pounds. He wears glasses.

**New York feels effects of inflation**

Consumer prices in the New York area edged up 0.2 percent last month, due largely to higher household energy costs, reported the Regional Economic Development Council. Over the last year, inflation rose 3.7 percent here and 4.3 percent nationally, with energy prices climbing 11.4 percent. Inflation-adjusted earnings for the average worker fell 1.2 percent.

**Corzine dips in popularity**

Voters are unhappy with Gov. Jon S. Corzine and his plan to increase highway tolls, a poll released yesterday found. The Quinnipiac University poll found 73 percent of voters oppose significantly boosting highway tolls to pay state debt and fund transportation, with 57 percent disapproving of Corzine’s performance as governor.

**MANHATTAN**

Ignoring her 10th straight loss in the Democratic presidential race, Sen. Hillary Clinton said yesterday she stands the best chance of beating John McCain in November. "It’s time to get real about how we actually win this election," Clinton said at an early morning fundraiser at Hunter College. "We’ve got to be focused on what kind of choice we have before us..." Clinton stepped up her attack on Illinois Sen. Barack Obama. Though she referred to her rivals only once by name, Clinton’s target was obvious as she dug into her rival for lacking the experience necessary to deal with nasty Washington politics and the demands of higher office. The first attack ads of her campaign were launched against him in Wisconsin — but they did nothing to prevent Tuesday’s defeat.

"We need to make a choice between speeches and solutions," Clinton said. "The best words in the world aren’t enough unless you match them with action... We’re asking to compare our records, we’re asking to compare our years of service. We’re asking to compare our ideas."

Facing must-win primaries in Texas, Ohio and Pennsylvania, Clinton needs to stop Obama’s momentum, but he’s a "difficult target," political scientist Jerome Miler. "He’s framed the issues in a way that almost nullifies experience," Miler explained. "Obama says he wants to change the mindset in Washington. If that’s taken seriously, experience could become a negative."
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Three chiefs of the St. Regis Mohawks have filed a $60 million defamation lawsuit against the New York Post over editorials blasting the Indian tribe as a criminal enterprise. The tribe came under fire from the tabloid over its proposal to build a $600 million casino in the Catskills. The editorials accuse the tribe of smuggling, among other charges. AP

Reach out and touch art
MOMA exhibit lets you see New York’s place as world’s talkiest town

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MANHATTAN. If you could see all the cell phone traffic in the city that never shuts up — er, sleeps — what would it look like? Researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have created a new kind of New York map based around an analysis of telecommunication traffic. Their New York Talk Exchange — which uses real-time data flows from AT&T cell phones and Internet traffic — will debut at the Museum of Modern Art on Sunday as part of the “Design and the Elastic Mind.”

“It is like showing how the heart of New York pulses in real time and how it connects to the global network of cities,” said Carlo Ratti, director of MIT’s Senseable City Laboratory, which created the project six months ago. Zooming in on global communications across neighborhoods reveals, for example, that Mumbai, India, ranks 24th as the origin of calls into Manhattan, and 11th in calls into Toronto, Canada, is one of the main destinations for calls out of Manhattan, but accounts for only 1 percent of calls from the Bronx.

“You can see the world inside New York,” said Ratti. He likened the data they’re collecting to the Census, but said theirs is much faster and less expensive to gather. (Individual privacy is assured during the project.) The project also provides a way to draw comparisons between global cities and may have insights on the fight between New York and London over global preeminence.

Ratti compared data from AT&T and British Telecom and found New York has a more global reach into Asian and South American hubs such as Beijing, Bogota, and Riyadh. London has more of a reach into Europe and the United States. “People talk about London being the No. 1 place for financial markets,” Ratti said. “New York is the more cosmopolitan city.”

Chartering the Mumbai-Queens connection.

City jails Bx. landlord and pays his rent

MANHATTAN. The city sent out a press release yesterday touting the sentencing of landlord Hamid Khan to nine days in jail for failing to repair his Bronx apartment building — but failed to note that the Department of Homeless Services had been placing families there and paying rent to Khan. The 94-unit Highbridge building has 2,268 outstanding violations of the housing code, including a defective fire escape and collapsed floors and ceilings. A Homeless Services rep yesterday acknowledged “several clients” remain in Khan’s building, but said DHS “has put great effort into helping our former clients find other permanent housing.”

NEWS IN BRIEF

NEW YORK. The city will pay $6.5 million to a man who lost a leg in a 2003 ferry crash, lawyers said. Shriram Agni and the city reached the deal more than four years after his right leg was crushed in the Staten Island Ferry accident.

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Connecticut Rep. Jason Bartlett, a Democrat who represents the Danbury area, is publicly announcing that he is gay. Bartlett, who represents Bethel, Danbury and Redding, says he has been frank about his sexual orientation with relatives and now is the time to speak out. The 41-year-old legislator, who is also black, says while he’s always tried to keep his personal life private, there have been rumors about his sexual orientation.

**Greenwich Village.** In the wake of the tragic death of two firefighters last summer at the Deutsche Bank building near Ground Zero, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer announced yesterday the creation of a task force — the Manhattan Borough Construction Watch — to inspect and monitor the many construction sites throughout the city. On Tuesday, the federal government fined contractors working at the old Deutsche bank building $464,500 for the safety violations.

“Enough is enough,” said Stringer. “We can’t wait for city agencies to act ... We need to take the matter into our own hands.” Stringer insisted on the need for the population to be “proactive” in helping his team improve their safety. “We want to hear from you,” he said.

The task force will inspect not only construction sites, but also any building that already shows signs of safety violations, Stringer said. “We need to get them cured before we have an accident,” he said. He encouraged the “constant vigilance” of New Yorkers and said they should let his team know about any violations of which they might be aware.

**Midtown:** A prestigious Fifth Avenue skyscraper is up for sale and could fetch $3 billion or more, which would be a record price for a U.S. office building, according to people familiar with the bidding.

At least two investors have been publicly identified as offering $3 billion or more for the General Motors building, a 50-story tower at the southeast corner of Central Park across from the Plaza Hotel. Built in 1968, the white marble and dark glass skyscraper occupies a full city block and is best known as the home of two tourist attractions, the FAO Schwarz toy emporium and Apple’s glass cube store. It’s being sold by real-estate titan Harry Macklowe.

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Web wounds grow deeper

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The Internet has been credited with allowing humans to reach anonymous-ly through the ether to make shockingly personal connections.

But that cloak of anonymity has made character assassi-nation part of the Web’s stock in trade. And as more people log on and link up, the potential damage to reputations grows.

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which promises college kids total anonymity. Threads have titles such as “top ten freshman sluts” and “the Jew’s school.

But there are signs of a backlash: some students at colleges where the site is available are asking admin-istrators to ban the gossip site. A Facebook group called “Ban Juicycampus!!” has roughly 850 members.

MySpace suicide hoax

Megan Meier, a 13-year-old from Missouri, hanged herself in No-vember 2006 after a neighboring mom and others posed as a “cute” boy named “Josh Evans” on MySpace and sent her cruel messages. The New York Times story about a 32-year-old woman who won a $14,000 Upper East Side pad in a boxing lottery, was dubbed “the most hated man in New York” by local blogs. A 19-year-old Brit (son of a travel writer) was so pito-lish which may to blame. U.K. Guardian linked to his travel blog that the newspaper closed the comment thread.

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Two of the five pieces that make up the sculpture "The Awakening" move down Interstate High-way 95 in their way to their new home at National Harbor yesterday in Washington, D.C. Artist Seward Johnson’s 200-foot cast aluminum sculpture was removed from East Potomac Park where it has been a tourist attraction since 1980.

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YELLOW SPRINGS, Ohio. Re-publican presidential can-didate John McCain said President Bush should veto a measure that would bar the CIA from using water-boarding and other harsh interrogation methods on terror suspects.

McCartney voted against the bill, which would re-strict the CIA to using only the 19 interrogation tech-niques listed in the Army field manual.

And, he noted, he re-ceived few apologies when he was convicted of dis-crimination against readers and of fer-feedback to a blog’s au-thors,” said Aden Fline, of the ACLU.

Weather threatens spy satellite mission

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Being sure

Officials will know nearly im-mediately whether the missile has hit the satellite, but it will take a day or two to know whether the fuel tank has been destroyed, officials said.

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Teamsters pulling for Barack Obama

WASHINGTON Sen. Barack Obama won an endorse-ment from the Teamsters union yesterday, critical la-bor support for the Demo-cratic front-runner with-critical la-

Spike in strokes among women

NEW ORLEANS Strokes have tripled in recent years among middle-aged women in the U.S., an trend doctors blame on the obesity epidemic. Nearly 2 percent of women ages 35 to 54 reported suffering a stroke in the most recent federal health survey, from 1999 to 2004. Only half a percent did from 1988 to 1994.

Female waistlines are near-ly two inches thicker than they were a decade earlier, according to doctors said at the Interna-tional Stroke Conference. AP

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Everyone knows that the U.S. government is rich with cash, but what you might not know is that the Fed has a plan to give away BILLIONS OF DOLLARS to individuals who want to buy their first home, start or expand their business, and even invest in real estate.

Many people have heard about free money grants and guaranteed loans, but few ever dig deep enough to find the money and even fewer know how to.

However, there is one company that specializes in helping individuals and companies learn how to find free government money and guaranteed low-interest loans for three specific areas: homebuyers, business owners, and real estate investors.

The company is American Grants, Business, Housing & Real Estate Institute, and it specializes in helping the little guy tap into government money as a viable source of funding.

American Grants, Business, Housing & Real Estate Institute offers an information-packed free workshop to local New York-area residents, and it could change your life forever just by attending.

American Grants has done thorough research into the vast array of programs and can help you determine the process of getting a grant, loan, or subsidy.

Here's what Bruce West Jr., founder of the American Grants, Business, Housing & Real Estate Institute, has to say about grant programs in America:

"As American Grants, our job is to make it simple and easy for the individual or business to take advantage of the money available from the government. The government wants us to use this money. The question is, do you qualify, and if so, are you willing to come and get it?"

Today the U.S. government is collecting more tax money than at any other time in history. In the result, the U.S. government is giving away more grant money and guaranteed loans than ever before to help the little guy buy his first home, grow his business, and purchase income property.

During the past several decades, government grants, guaranteed loans, subsidies, and government contracts have helped bolster economic conditions in an extremely positive way.

In fact, many of today's most successful businesses started with SBA loans; companies such as Intel, Qualcomm, 3Com, and even Ben & Jerry's get their start from Uncle Sam to get the money they needed to grow their businesses.

You don’t have to be poor to qualify for this money.

In many cases this is free money that you do not have to pay back. Sometimes you can qualify for an evaporating loan, or a disappearing loan. These are also forgivable loans and matching loans/grants, and zero interest loans. At American Grants’ free workshop you’ll learn about opportunities to utilize the government’s grant, loan, and subsidy programs for your own personal financial benefit.

Down Payment Assistance

In fact, the government is in an all-out push to help centers become homeowners by providing down payment assistance. Also, there are many opportunities to layer programs on top of each other so you can only get one down payment assistance but you can also apply for additional money to rehab the property. Even with the current credit crunch from mortgage foreclosures, interest rates are still at 40-year lows and it is still a great time to buy your first home.

Money For Small Businesses!

Did you know that Uncle Sam is the nation’s largest business lender? It’s true and the organization the government uses to distribute this money is the Small Business Administration (SBA).

Government officials are willing to take a chance on small businesses because they are truly the foundation of our economy. By helping small businesses succeed, the government ensures continued job growth and more tax money coming into the government coffers.

David Miller is a small-business owner who received $750,000 of financing to expand his business through federally funded programs. According to Miller, "I was able to expand my business and even quadruple the number of jobs I provide to the community." If you have a small business that needs money to grow, or if you want to start your own business and you need seed money, come to the American Grants free workshop. You’ll learn about the available opportunities, some specific programs—as well as testimonials of people who have actually succeeded in getting free/low-cost money.

Money For Real Estate Investors!

Investing in real estate is perhaps one of the safest roads to true wealth. How about you? Are you interested in increasing income property? Are you interested in building your personal empire with money the government gives? If so, you should be sitting in the front row of this free workshop. They will demonstrate how other people have successfully received government money to rent property, or government money to rehab rental units and provide the community with affordable housing.

"More money is available today than any other time in history." — Bruce West Jr., Founder, American Grants & Affordable Housing Institute

"If anything, the government money stream will only continue to grow." — U.S. Census Bureau, Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2007, Table 421

Where Does The Money Come From?

That’s a good question. The answer is that it comes from our taxes. It is true, our government has a unique historical record of giving away money to help increase economic growth, to increase jobs, and to help provide affordable housing.

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— René & Luis Oseguera, New Homeowners

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— Rob Dean, Real Estate Investor

$21,000 To Buy Candy Business!

If you want to go for $21,000 in business financing to purchase my business, I believe all business owners should look into doing the same.

— Julie Welch, Business Owner

Here’s What The Experts Say!

$3.8 Million In Grants Over The Last 10 Years!

The money is out. We’ve gotten 10 federal grants for approximately $3.8 million over the last 10 years, and we’ve received another $1.4 million in grants from corporations and private foundations. These are all steps necessary to get the information and following the steps are extremely important. That’s the kind of information that American Grants provides. I would encourage folks to go to the workshops, get the information, and follow the steps.

— Rich Tinklakas, Grant Expert, Co-Author of Getting The Grant

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Once I discovered what I needed to apply for and how to fill out the paperwork I was hooked. All total for 4 different loans I’ve received over $1.3 million dollars in SBA loans. All 4 loans have great interest rates.

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Al-Sadr threatens to end cease-fire

Baghdad. Anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr may let a six-month cease-fire expire as soon as Saturday, a move that could send his Shiite militia fighters back to the streets and jeopardize security gains that have led to a sharp decline in violence.

Iraqi police, meanwhile, held funerals yesterday for 14 officers killed the night before as they responded to a rocket attack launched from a predominantly Shiite neighborhood against U.S. bases in the capital. A U.S. military spokesman also said a U.S. civilian was killed and a number of U.S. troops and civilian personnel were wounded in a previously unreported rocket attack in the south-eastern area of Rustamiyah on Tuesday night.

8,000

Number of Darfuri refugees trapped along the Chadian border due to a fresh Sudanese offensive by government soldiers and Arab militia against Darfur rebels. AP

Kosovo touts its ‘Islam lite’ life

Gjakova, Kosovo. Much has been made of Kosovo’s status as the world’s newest mostly Muslim nation. But its secular government, religious leaders and faithful have carefully distanced themselves from the slightest hint of extremism.

The Republic of Kosovo, they insist, embraces a ‘Islam lite’ — like Coke Lite or Marlboro Light cigarettes,” said Ilmi Krasniqi, an imam at one of five mosques in the eastern town of Gjakova. “This is not Baghdad, and what goes on in Saudi Arabia cannot happen here.”

Learn from it

The Palestinians should follow Kosovo’s example and unilaterally declare independence if peace talks with Israel fail, a senior Palestinian official said yesterday, but the Palestinian president said the proposal was premature. AP
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**Business & Finance**

**OK to sue for losses**

WASHINGTON. The Supreme Court ruled yesterday that individual participants in the most common type of retirement plan can sue under a pension protection law to recover their losses.

The unanimous decision has implications for 50 million workers with $2.7 trillion invested in 401(k) retirement plans.

James LaRue of Southlake, Texas, said the value of his stock market holdings plunged $150,000 when administrators at his retirement plan failed to follow his instructions to switch to safer investments.

The issue in the LaRue case was whether the Employee Retirement Income Security Act permits an individual account holder to sue plan administrators for breaching their fiduciary duties.

The language of the law refers to recovering money for the “plan” rather than for an individual, raising the question of whether a participant can sue solely for himself.

Justice John Paul Stevens, in his opinion for the court, said that such lawsuits are allowed. “Fiduciary misconduct need not threaten the solvency of the entire plan to reduce benefits below the amount that participants would otherwise receive,” Stevens said.

**Economic expectations lowered**

WASHINGTON. The Federal Reserve yesterday lowered its projection for economic growth this year, citing damage from the double blows of a housing slump and credit crunch. It said it expected higher unemployment and inflation.

The updated forecasts could continue to weaken, colleagues that the economy’s strong reaction to new records above $100 but also falling as investors released minutes yesterday. The Fed at that session voted to cut a key interest rate by one-half percentage point to 3 percent at that meeting.

Charles Saab, owner of a Shell station in Wilmington, Mass., increases the prices at his pumps yesterday. Oil futures fluctuated, rising to new records above $100 but also falling as investors cashed in profits from the market’s recent huge advance.
Japan through the seasons

Something to enjoy during every time of the year

Spring
Catch the cherry blossoms: You’ll usually be able to catch these iconic pink blooms, which only flower for about a week, in the parks of Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka between the end of March and start of April.
Soak at a spa: For an escape from Tokyo’s sensory overload, chill out at a hot spring. Thousands of onsen, or natural springs, are peppered throughout this volcanic country, some dating back 3,000 years. Resorts have sprung up at around 1,800 of them, many in areas of natural beauty.

Summer
Tour the temples: In three days, you can take in the exquisite temples, castles and other World Heritage sites in Osaka, Kyoto and Nara; they make a neat triangle with train rides of less than an hour between them.

Fall
Eat out in Tokyo: Last year, Tokyo became the city with the most Michelin-starred restaurants in the world. One hundred and fifty restaurants were awarded a total of 191 stars, including three fugu houses, where specially skilled chefs prepare the deadly puffer fish. For cheap eats, visit a kaiten-sushi restaurant, where you can pluck sushi from a conveyor belt, or a Tachigui-soba stand, where you can snack on a hot bowl of buckwheat noodles for $2.

Winter
Shop in Shibuya: Whether you’re looking for a particular pair of limited-edition sneakers, the latest accessories from cult fashion label A Bathing Ape or retro toys at Snoopy land, trendy Shibuya has it all, from huge department stores to intimate boutiques.
Go skiing and check out the snow monkeys: Japan offers some of the world’s best skiing, with mountains across most of the country and cold weather fronts blowing in from Siberia. In Sapporo, check out the snow sculptures at the Sapporo Snow Festival, or try Nagano, where you can ski at immaculate resorts. Next, visit the snow monkeys known for their frosty hair and red faces, as they take a dip in the hot springs at the Jigokudani Monkey Park.
Where’s the funny?

Who would win if the Academy Awards had a sense of humor?

Best actress

Who will win: Day-Lewis is the best actor of his generation. This was the best performance of his career.

Who should win: Seth Rogen, “Knocked Up.” Almost a tie with Simon Pegg for “Hot Fuzz.” But Rogen was the breakout star of the year.

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Why I’m right and you’re wrong

This year, the wailing and gnashing of teeth over the lack of commercially successful movies in the Oscar lineup has been a bit louder than usual. Fish-ship. Big, popular movies featuring likeable characters and bold-face-name stars yield a different kind of reward. It’s called money. Grouse all you want about how unfair it is that “National Treasure: Book of Secrets” didn’t get nominated for anything. “National Treasure: Book of Secrets” sucked. And until you see “The Divine Bell and the Butterfly,” you don’t have the right to tell me it didn’t. You see, I’m a movie critic. What I say goes. Why? Because movie critics are the only people with lives boring enough to afford them the time to see every single movie that comes out. If we’re the only ones to see “La Vie en Rose,” we’re the only ones who can tell you it’s better than “The Bucket List.” Please, listen to us. It’s all we have.

Best supporting actor
Nominees: Paul Rudd, “Knocked Up.”

Who will win: Paul Rudd, “Knocked Up.” How can you not give him an award for the mushroom scene?

Who should win: Paul Rudd, “Knocked Up.”

Why is the funny?

From left: Michael Clayton, “No Country for Old Men”; Juno, “There Will Be Blood”; and I’m Not There

Matchmaker, make me a match

OSCARS. If only the film characters, not the movie stars themselves, attended the Oscars; we know just who should win if the Academy Awards had a sense of humor.

Juno MacGuff (Ellen Page in “Juno”)

Daniel Plainview (Daniel Day-Lewis in “There Will Be Blood”)

Sassy June will tell Mr. “I’ve abandoned my child!” her adoption philosophy (less craven abandonment, more quip-page). Also, her hamburger phone totally goes with his milkshake.

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PREVIEW. It’s telling that in a year dominated by big-screen comedies, the nomination of one for a best-picture Academy Award was met with the sort of shock typically reserved for the death of a world leader or the institutionalization of a pop star. “Juno” is the exception that once again proves the rule: Oscar has little love for funny business. So as we handicap Sunday’s nominees, let us also consider who would win in a more perfect world — one where comedies get their due.

Best supporting actress

Who will win: The Blanchett vote is split between supporting and lead. Ronan and Dee are novelties. That leaves Swinton and Ryan. The latter wins a tossup.

Who should win: Kristen Wiig, “Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story.” Jenner Fischer got more lines, but Wiig got more laughs as Dewey’s first wife (the one who wanted a candy house).

80th Academy Awards

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Best actress

Who will win: The temptation to succumb to “Juno” fever is powerful, but Linney has been waiting too long to be beaten by a kid.

Who should win: Amy Adams, “Enchanted.” Has any actor ever done so much to elevate a movie?

Best picture

Who will win: It’s stupid to split director and picture. This year, voters get stupid. Oscar can’t resist the notion of handing the directing award to the Coen brothers. Meanwhile, the best film of 2007, “The Divine Bell and the Butterfly” wasn’t nominated, so we’ll have to settle for the second-best, “There Will Be Blood.”

Who should win: “Superbad.” Because everybody loves a controversy.

Why is the funny?

From left: Michael Clayton, “No Country for Old Men”; Juno, “There Will Be Blood” and “I’m Not There”
Kirstie Alley to start her own weight loss company

Kirstie Alley, right, and Jenny Craig may have gone their separate ways, but the one-time “Fat Actress” star isn’t giving up on the weight-loss industry. Alley told People magazine she intends to develop her own weight-loss brand, with plans to launch in 2009.

**Quartermback killer**

The Word

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**Gossip.** Truly, God smiles upon New York Giants fans. As if the whole “biggest upset in the history of sports” thing wasn’t enough, now comes word that Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo is on the verge of asking bad-luck charm Jessica Simpson to marry him.

“I think they’re going to get married,” Romo’s pal Michael Starr told Us Weekly. Friends of the couple aren’t the only ones who see a wedding in the future. Ex-Romo-girlfriend Sophia Bush told the mag, “I think they could go the distance... They’re perfect for each other.” But the coup de grace — a lukewarm endorsement from none other than Simpson’s former “Newlyweds” co-star Nick Lachey. “I wish her nothing but happiness,” Lachey told Us. “If she’s found that — good for her.”

Lachey then began taking bets on all of next season’s Cowboys games. Somewhere, Terrell Owens is crying (and doing sit-ups).

**Mommy likey.** Most mothers would be a bit peeved if their daughters posed nude for a major magazine in the guise of a suicidal drug addict. But not Dina Lohan. People magazine asked the perennial mother-of-the-year candidate what she thought of daughter Lindsay Lohan’s recent spread in New York magazine. Turns out mom was cool with it.

“It was very tastefully done,” Dina told People. “I looked at it as art and as Lindsay doing a character. So I don’t look at them like it’s Playboy; she was being a character. So if you look at it that way, you can look at it as a mother.”

Thankfully, when we view the photographs (about three times a day), we don’t look at them the way a mother would. That would just be gross.

**Shoulder to cry on.** Speaking of gross, Gary LeVox of country band Rascal Flatts has a message for the singer Pink, who recently separated from her husband, Carey Hart — a dirty, dirty message. “It’s just sad, and I feel terrible,” LeVox told the mag. “If she needs some love, she can come to us at Rascal Flatts camp.” Country music: now classier than ever.

**Los Angeles.** Superior Court Judge T.K. Herman put the brakes on Britney Spears’ driving-without-a-license case until March 20 after lawyer J. Michael Flanagan said Spears’ conservatorship attorneys “do not think she is qualified or capable of entering into a binding agreement” at this time. The attorneys also don’t believe Spears, 26, is capable of giving a deposition or signed declaration, Flanagan said.

Earlier this month, a judge placed Spears under the conservatorship of her father and an attorney after more than a year of increasingly bizarre behavior by the singer.
**Ballet from a cold climate**

Russia’s Kirov debuts at New York City Center

**ELIZABETH ZIMMER  elizabeth.zimmer@metro.us**

**PREVIEW:** History has made bush of the stationary supplies in Peter the Great’s stately city on Russia’s Neva River. Founded in 1703, St. Petersburg was the capital of the Russian Empire until the Revolution of 1917. Then called Petrograd and later Leningrad, it reverted to its original name in 1991 with the breakup of the Soviet Union. It’s the northernmost of the world’s large cities, with a population of over 4 million — and a superlative ballet company and orchestra coming to spend April with us.

The Kirov Ballet, St. Petersburg’s 225-year-old resident troupe, provided the original artistic home to dance legends Anna Pavlova, Vaslav Nijinsky, Rudolf Nureyev, Mikhail Baryshnikov and Natalia Makarova. George Balanchine trained at the company’s school from the age of nine but fled to Europe in 1924, defecting to Sergei Diaghilev’s Ballet Russes in the difficult period after the Revolution. Ten years later, he emigrated to America and changed the course of ballet history here.

Over three weeks at New York City Center, the Kirov, now under the artistic direction of Valery Gergiev and ballet director Makhar Vaziev, will display a repertory heavy on familiar short classic works, studied in the final week of the run with late-20th-century gems by Balanchine and American choreographer William Forsythe, who has been working in Germany for decades and represents the vanguard of contemporary ballet.

**It’s a very interesting repertoire that spans centuries of ballet.”**

**Shuler**

I think they really want to show the range of work the Kirov is now performing,” says Arlene Shuler, president and CEO of New York City Center and herself a former dancer.” It’s a very interesting repertoire that spans centuries of ballet. They haven’t been here since 2002, when they performed at the Metropolitan Opera House, and this is their first appearance at City Center, where they’ll be seen in a more intimate environment. When they perform at the Met, they do larger works. Performing here is allowing them to do a more diverse repertoire.”

An ensemble of 200 dancers and musicians will show 19 works; a star performer is Diana Vishneva, whose artistry is also on display tonight through Sunday, also at City Center.

Kirov Ballet and Orchestra

April 1-5, New York City Center, 135 W. 55th St., $35-$110, 212-581-5112 www.nycitycenter.org

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**Daniel Johnston rumbles with the devil**

Daniel Johnston achieved a new high in his career with his official autobiography, *Lazaretto*, recently released. The book is a retrospective of his music and art, including his famous album, *Zorch Avenue*. The book also features interviews with his friends and family, and it’s available on CD and DVD.

**NOLAN GAWRON  nolan.gawron@metro.us**

**INTERVIEW:** Writing from the heart with a lovable and amateurish innocence, Daniel Johnston achieved a surprising cult following in the ’90s based solely on his extreme DIY mentality and the help of a few famous fans. Sometime at the height of notoriety, however, that fragile heart broke and his mind began to stray. His mental health took an extreme detour — one from which he’s still recovering.

You’re still playing with the band you met up with at the end of the documentary, “The Devil and Daniel Johnston.”

We’ve been working on a new album all year called “The Death of Satan,” and I’m very excited about it. ... It’s been more fun than ever to have my own group.

**Did you like the movie?**

The movie sort of reminded me of that “Hard Copy” TV show. It’s like, “BOM!” Daniel Johnston goes to jail. “Daniel Johnston goes to the mental hospital.” It hardly mentioned my music. All in all, I think it’s a hilarious movie. It was also on that “Siskel and Ebert” show. ... “Two thumbs up!” I love it.

**Have people treated you differently since the movie was released?**

Yeah, they have. [Daniel’s father and manager, Dick Johnston, becomes audible in the background.]

**Dick:** This trip isn’t canceled yet.

**Daniel:** That’s my dad. I went to the doctor the other day, and he said I shouldn’t go on tour.

**Dick:** He said [don’t go if we’re leaving Monday. But we’re leaving Wednesday, and you should be fine. Daniel’s trying to back out, but we’ll push him.

Daniel: I’m sick. Dad. Dick: No, you’re not. You’re getting better every day.

Daniel: OK. Dad. Thanks.

**Does your dad like being your manager?**

Well, the other day my dad was taking me to the Chinese restaurant, and I asked, “Dad, what’s the occasion?” He said, “We’re half-a-millionaires now.” I couldn’t even believe it. It’s been such a struggle.

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Horses need 8-10 gallons of water each day, but in their present situation, they are not getting nearly that much. We’ve documented the horses continually lowering their heads into the empty troughs in search of water.

Earlier this month, an 8-year-old horse named Clancy died at Clinton Stables — reportedly from colic. Colic can be caused by many things, including lack of water, lack of turnout, and improper deworming. From 2004 through 2006, 13 horses died behind closed stable doors — something not reported in the media or investigated. Six were under 9 years old.

Working horses need as much water in the cold.

Elizabeth Foret is the president of the Coalition to Ban Horse-Drawn Carriages.

Letters

A letter to Sen. Barack Obama

VIA E-MAIL

Obama, Obama, Obama, what are you doing? How mean of you to take nine straight and consecutive wins without any remorse. Or is it your intention to starve your opponent, Hillary, to death? Have you forgotten the noble rule your dad or, if he was not around for long, your mother taught you — to be your brother’s keeper?

Obama, be a gentleman; be nice to the Lady.

Remember in New Hampshire when you forced the lady to run tears, she took the state through what some analysts say was a sympathetic vote. As if that lesson is not sufficient for you, you have reverted to the ungentlemanly weapon of starving your opponent, Be-ware!

Our Lady has even adopted some dire tactics: the “Rudy big game theory.” When Rudy Giuliani saw his chances slipping uncontrollably, he elected to waive the smaller states and gamble on the big fish — Texas. So also is Hillary haging her neck on the big games — Ohio and Texas (T&O), I guess you are banking on Hillary taking a Technical Knock Out (T&O) if Giuliani’s fate were to visit her in T&O. But Hillary is not Rudy. You know her better than I. She does not go down so easily. The dilemma for you is the more aggressive-

By you try to put her down, the more sympathy she might get, and the less aggressive you are, the less successful you will be in putting her down.

Sorry Obama, but it looks like you are in a tight spot. Good luck.

LAWRENCE YANGALAY

Many affected by holocausts

LIVINGSTON, N.J.: Assistant “professor” Marc Lamont Hill tells us that “it’s a miracle that blacks were able to survive the worst holocaust in human histo-

ry.” I am grateful to Mr. Hill for his ability to split in the faces of Ukrainians, Jews, Armenians and Cam-

bodians who also know the meaning of the word “holocaust.” Likewise, if Mr. Hill is referring to the slave trade, why doesn’t he want to talk about the sub-Saharan slave trade in which some 15 million Africans were sold in the slave bazaars of Arabia? Or is Mr. Hill just interest-

ed in playing cheap racial politics? Marc Lamont Hill, professor of ignorant cliches.

JAMES LONGO

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1 Swell, as a river
5 Does dinner
10 Opened a crack
15 Fiber—cable
20 Swallows up
22 Furtiveness
25 "Dear" advice-giver
30 Peaks
34 "Hero" sea
36 Parking—
37 Heck!
38 Put down, slangily
39 "Tiki"
40 Yalie
43 Impede
44 Withholds
45 Prehistoric abode
46 ’Aviators’ tests
47 Monkey haven
48 Withdraws
49 Gear
51 Brokaw
52 — Raton, Fla.
53 Highest point
54 Inhabitant
55 Rani’s wrap
56 Collection of playing cards
57 Be thoroughly wet
58 Garr or Hatcher
59 — dunk
60 Fiery gem
61 More blustery
65 Locate, perhaps
66 O’Hara plantation
67 Wood choppers
68 Laundry room fixtures
69 Read through quickly
70 Tummy soother

Down
1 Swell, as a river
2 Click-on item
3 Bachelor’s party
4 Where river meets sea
5 Down
6 Symphony or tome
7 New York Giants hero
8 Baby foxes
9 Grain cutters
10 Opened a crack
11 Lock up
12 Dr.’s visit
13 Poison-ivy symptom
14 Strong alkali
15 Fiber—cable
16 Jury
17 Capricorn symbol
18 Wacky
19 Hints
21 Strong alkali
23 Many millennia
24 "Hero" sea
25 "Hero" sea
26 Lost color
27 Tolerate
28 "Ghosts" writer
29 Keepsake
31 Trample underfoot
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Horoscope

• Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Your judgment is exceptionally keen at this time.
• Aries March 21-April 19. It behooves you to put forth your best effort.
• Taurus April 20-May 20. Remember that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.
• Gemini May 21-June 20. Something in which you are presently involved will produce a much larger payoff than you had experienced previously.
• Cancer June 21-July 22. You will find yourself getting along wonderfully with just about everyone.
• Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Your financial prospects look encouraging at this time.
• Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Those you know socially will prove to be rather fortunate for you.
• Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Be smart and trust in what you believe.
• Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 22. Friends will play more important roles than usual in the outcome of your affairs.
• Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. You’re willing to work hard to get what you want.
• Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Use your ability to see things in their entirety.
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**Sports**

**Knicks embarrassed as trade talk goes on**

Eddy Curry was rumored to be leaving town in that deal, and still could be headed elsewhere.

“Anytime there’s so much talk about relocating, it’s bigger than just the player going to another team. It’s moving your family. It’s definitely a tough thing for me to deal with, but it’s part of being a professional.”

Knicks coach and team president Isiah Thomas will have some extra food for thought as today’s trade deadline approaches.

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**Where is he now?**

**Ward can’t even watch these Knicks**

NBA. For all his perceived downfalls as general manager, Isiah Thomas is still the strongest leader on the Knicks. And that’s not a bad thing, says former Knicks guard Charlie Ward.

The 1993 Heisman Trophy winner, like Thomas, is a converted player to coach and now guides young men at Westbury Christian School in Houston. “Losing like that today is the same thing as tr

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**Devils burn slumping San Jose**

NHL. John Madden and Sergei Brylin scored 1:10 apart during the Devils’ three-goal-second period, and the Devils took advantage of backup goalie Thomas Greiss and beat the San Jose Sharks, 3-2, last night. They took sole possession of the Atlantic Division lead with the win.

During a rare night off for San Jose ironman Evgeni Nabokov, the Devils scored three goals on 10 shots in the pivotal period and won their third straight and fifth in six games (5-0-1). They were outshot 33-20 and went without a power-play chance until the third.

After Jonathan Cheechoo gave the Sharks a 1-0 lead with a power-play tally in the opening minute of the second period, the Devils stormed back on goals from Zach Parise, Madden and Brylin in a 10-minute span. San Jose cut the deficit to 3-2 with 6:06 left on Kyle McLaren’s goal that deflected off the stick of the Devils’ Brian Gionta.

Martin Brodeur earned his NHL-best 33rd victory. Devils D Colin White sat out with an upper body injury sustained Monday.

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**No ESPN for Rocket**

Roger Clemens has pulled out of an ESPN sports personality weekend at Disney Hollywood Studios. The decision comes a week after Clemens testified to a congressional committee about his alleged use of performance enhancing drugs.

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**Comrie carries Isles to shootout victory**

NHL. Mike Comrie scored the only goal of the shootout and the Islanders pushed their winning streak to five games last night with a 3-2 victory over the Capitals, Miroslav Satan and Josef Vasicek scored for the Islanders in regulation.

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Storm’s missing buzz creates Big East peril

Alex Rodriguez welcomed the sight of teammate Andy Pettitte. A-Rod expects drug questions in this era

MLB. Alex Rodriguez sat in the first-base dugout at Legends Field, surrounded by the usual circle of cameramen, microphones and reporters. He knows the scrutiny will only increase as he approaches Barry Bonds’ career home-run record, especially in an era when all top athletes must prove they haven’t juiced.

“Right now, the game is in a very not-trusting situation with our public, with our fans,” Rodriguez said. “Some of the things that I’ve accomplished and potentially some of the things that people think I can accomplish, my name has come up and will probably come up again in the future.”

Norm Roberts has led St. John’s to more wins every season, but is in danger of missing this year. Upperclassmen such as Anthony Mason Jr. don’t seem overly concerned about the freshmen lapses.

The lack of energy was apparent earlier this month in a blowout loss to Cincinnati, an effort Burrell called “atrocious.” Heads hung lower after putting up just 42 points in a loss to a streaky Villanova team over the weekend.

All that goes away if his team starts making shots, Roberts said. The Red Storm shot 25.5 percent in their last two losses before last night and are last in the conference in scoring.

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And maybe that lack of guidance is why Burrell is not focused on basketball until he hits hardwood.

“To dwell on what I did wrong doesn’t help at all,” said Burrell, who led the team in scoring before the team’s last two games entering last night. “That’s not my job. My coach is supposed to tell me that.”

Playing the Field

Jason McIntyre

SI swimsuits a mixed bag

You’ve probably read no fewer than seven arguments about whether or not the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue is still relevant, but that’s such a non-question (how are women in bikinis in a sports magazine irrelevant?) that we’ll just skip that portion of the column and get to our pithy critique of this year’s issue, which came out last week to tepid reviews.

GOOD: Marissa Miller, once the arm of NASCAR’s prodigal son, Dale Earnhardt, is a fine selection, and good luck finding a male who would disagree.

BAD: Danica Patrick in a swimsuit. Last year SI scored a hit with tennis star Maria Sharapova; but Patrick, a NASCAR pin-up (think “office hot”) represents a streakout of Steve Balboni proportions.

GOOD: The idea of a section on players’ significant others. We’ve discussed these women in this space for years now, and you know there is an endless supply of material for the magazine through the next decade. (For next year, we’re going to recommend Lisa Dergan, Vanessa Bryant, Lara Bingle and Jennifer Walcott.)

BAD: They had us at Carmella DeCesare (wife of NFL quarterback Jeff Garcia) … and lost us when they made her wear the largest swimsuit of anyone in the magazine.

Remember back when Allen Iverson, then a Philadelphia 76er, went into a mini-mixtape during a press conference about missing practice? He uttered the phrase. “We’re talkin’ about practice” about 15 times in a 90-second span. The root of the problem was that the NBA’s best player, then struggling team, had soured on practicing. He didn’t have a good excuse for not wanting to partake and simply not being interested in practicing was not going to cut it for a player making $19 million.

Now introducing Arsenal goalkeeper Manuel Almunia. The Spaniard was recently allowed to leave practice early because he claimed his house is haunted. A quote we couldn’t make up if we tried: “One night, we were sleeping, and my wife suddenly woke me up with a shout. She said she heard this female-like figure with a candle in his hand. She was in bed, next to me. I didn’t see him but I was (exploding).”

Almunia says his house was built on the site of a psychiatric hospital. Make sure to use that excuse after St. Patrick’s Day.

Jason Raj McIntyre covers the celebrity lives of athletes for Metro.
Fantasy sports

**POINT COUNTERPOINT**

Josh Howard vs. Shawn Marion

Metro's experts argue a new topic seemingly every day. Today, David Sandora and Adam Levitan dissect which fantasy NBA player you should own. Look for their roundtable discussions at www.metro.us.

Josh Howard is a good player, a borderline All-Star. But he doesn't block enough shots, pluck enough steals or do anything so well that he's a fantasy stud at small forward. But with Jason Kidd running the point in Dallas, Howard's 20.3 points per game can become 24 or 25. The ball movement Kidd inspires will help his assists total rise. With Kidd dominating opponents' attention up and down the court, Howard will be freed up on both offense and defense, pushing him into fantasy starting lineups for the season's final 25 games.

Shawn Marion went from a team with an overabundance of talent to a team that is 9-42. That's great news for his fantasy owners. Already, Marion is getting more opportunities on the offensive end than he did in Phoenix, where he averaged 12.3 shot attempts per game. In his first three games with Miami, he is jacking it up 18.7 times per game. Without Amar'e Stoudemire in his way, he will gobble up more rebounds. Without Leandro Barbosa and Boris Diaw coming off the bench, he will get more minutes. All in all, being a big fish in a rancid pond is a pure fantasy for Marion.

Josh Howard

Shawn Marion

**MLB's spring lookouts**

Spring training is for warming up, not for watching performances. If Alex Rodriguez is hitting .305 three weeks in, he should still be the top pick in your draft. And if Brad Ausmus is hitting .300 with seven homers, he should still be available on waivers the day after your draft. Spring training is virtually meaningless to fantasy baseball owners. Except for when it comes to these players:

- **Randolph Johnson, SP, Diamondbacks** — He's old and brittle. But if healthy, he can still pump up big strikeout numbers. Check out the vertical movement on his slider this spring to know how he feels.
- **Rafael Soriano, RP, Braves** —

**Living a Fantasy**

David Sandora
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Will the first-time closer be up to the task? If not, the Braves have shown they won't stick with a closer for long with no good reason.
- **B.J. Ryan, RP, Blue Jays** — Had surgery last year, but says he'll be ready for opening day. We'll see about that. He's a strikeout machine, but probably won't be his filthy self unless rested properly in the first half.
- **Manny Ramirez, OF, Red Sox** —

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