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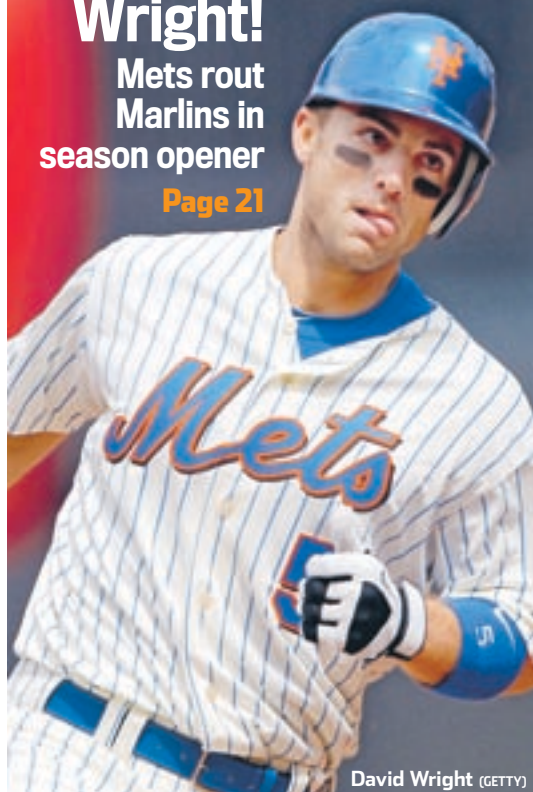
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David Wright (GETTY)

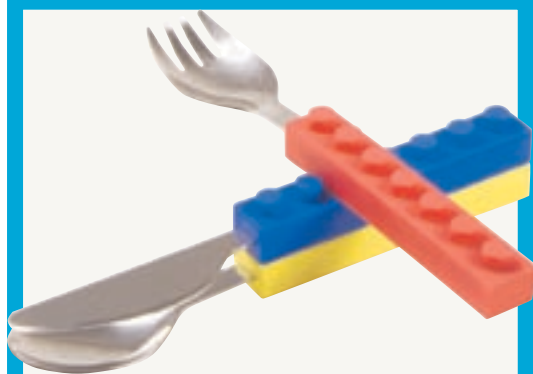


Police are seen detaining Times Square "wilding" suspects in this video image. (AP)

TIMES SQUARE 'WILDING'

**Melee that left four shot gives NYers
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NEWS

'Wilding' stokes '70s flashback

Recent crime wave raises security concerns

BY JASON FINK
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A night of "wilding" in midtown that left four people shot gave New Yorkers reason to worry the bad old days of street crime were coming back.

What's more, some claimed authorities dropped the ball by not warning businesses about what has become an Easter tradition of violence.

The four people were shot near Times and Herald squares early yesterday, and 33 people were arrested following the nearby auto show at the Jacob K. Javits Center, police said.



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NYPD spokesman Paul Browne said there have been similar post-show woes since at least 2003, but none as bad.

With murders up 22.5 percent and shootings up 19 percent this year, many fear the days of



In this video image, police detain suspects in Times Square early yesterday after violence broke out following the car show at the Jacob K. Javits Center. Four people were shot and 33 arrested. (AP)

low crime are ending.

"We need to get in front of this growing epidemic before we find ourselves reliving the bad old days of the 1970s," Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer said.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg described the incidents as a "wilding," resurrecting a term used in the 1989 rape of a Central Park jogger whose case

'We need to get in front of this growing epidemic.'

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer

became a symbol of a city that had lost control.

"This is just a bunch of people who shouldn't be on the streets if they behave this way, and we're not going to stand for it,"

Bloomberg said. "We loaded the area up with police, but they can't be everywhere."

Cops would not say how many patrols were added, nor whether they warned busi-

nesses, but half a dozen merchants yesterday said no one contacted them.

"If there had been similar incidents in the past, businesses should have been warned," said Councilman Peter Vallone (D-Astoria), head of the public safety committee, who added deep cuts to the cop ranks can be blamed for the crime spike.

Zuzer Hossain, a camera shop owner near the site of a shooting at 40th Street and Eighth Avenue, said the area has gotten less safe. "I'm concerned for my employees going home late," he said.

The first person shot was a man hit in the ankle around 12:10 a.m. at 40th Street and Eighth Avenue; two hours later, two 19-year-old women were shot — one in the elbow, the other in the thigh — at 34th Street and Seventh Avenue.

A woman was shot with a BB gun at 51st Street and Seventh Avenue. None of the injuries were life-threatening.

Eugene O'Donnell, a police studies professor at John Jay College, said criminals are the first to know when police are overstretched.

"I don't think it's too early to start worrying," O'Donnell said.

The AP contributed to this story.

Midtown mayhem

A by-the-numbers look at the Times Square mayhem:

4
people were shot, one with a BB gun

33
people were arrested; 4 of those arrested were charged in connection with one of the shootings

2
of those arrested are known gang members

3
different locations where shots were fired
SOURCE: NYPD

'Mad as hell' mogul enters GOP guv race

Buffalo real estate developer Carl Paladino launched his campaign for governor last night, vowing to spend up to \$10 million of his own money to shake things up in Albany.

"Are you mad as hell?" he shouted to supporters.

Paladino, who is hoping to end up on the Republican primary ballot, said his platform includes cutting taxes by 10 percent, closing the state's borders to welfare recipients and freezing state and local government and school district wages.

He faces competition from former Rep. Rick Lazio and Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy, a Democrat seeking the Republican nomination. (AP)



Amazin' fans Mets infielder Alex Cora signs autographs yesterday before the Mets won their home opener against the Florida Marlins 7-1. See page 21 for game coverage and analysis. (THOMAS A. FERRARA/NEWSDAY)

Briefs

Pizza man delivers beatdown to robber

Authorities arrested a 19-year-old man yesterday in connection with a would-be robbery of a pizza deliveryman, who managed to outwit those who tried to take his pies. Assami Semde, 19, a worker at Famous Famiglia in East Harlem, said he lunged at one of his two robbers who pulled a gun on him during the Friday holdup, toppling the gunman off balance.

Census Bureau reaches out to gay community

The Census Bureau unveiled its first public-service videos yesterday encouraging gay Americans to mail in their census forms. Gay-rights activists are urging their community to participate in the first U.S. census that will tally same-sex couples who say they're married — even those without a license. (AP)

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Tiger can 'win' fans back, experts say

Victory at Masters could get public in Woods' corner again

BY HEATHER HADDON
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Now that Tiger Woods has given his mea culpas, does he still have game?

Taking questions from a mob of reporters yesterday for the first time since his scandal broke, the disgraced golf star apologized again for his extramarital affairs.

"I need to be a better man going forward," Woods said during the 35-minute news conference in Augusta, Ga.

His reputation hinges on his performance at the Masters Tournament this week, experts said.

"If he starts winning again, people will stop talking about his personal life," said Adam Kluger, owner of a public relations firm. "Americans are used to having their politicians and athletes not live up to ideals."

Woods' five-month layoff hasn't dampened his confidence.



Tiger Woods gets some practice shots off yesterday ahead of his comeback at the Masters in Augusta, Ga. (GETTY)

"I'm going to go out there and try to win this thing," he said.

Woods, 34, said he "acted just terribly" in cheating on his wife with multiple women. Missing his son's first birthday during a stint in sex rehab earlier this year was

something he'll regret for the rest of his life, Woods said.

Woods didn't say whether he had taken drugs before he crashed his car on Thanksgiving, though he did admit to popping Ambien and Vicodin on other occasions. He said

his wife wouldn't be at Augusta.

During practice earlier in the day, Woods stopped to sign autographs — a 180 from his usual cold shoulder to spectators. Connecting with his fan base is crucial, said marketing expert John Tantillo. "He

WATCH OUT, TIGER

Tiger Woods is used to cheers of "Go Tiger" when he hits the golf course. But when he returns to the Masters on Thursday after his scandal-induced layoff, the shouts coming from the gallery may not be so positive.

Here are five things Tiger might hear this weekend:

- "Stay away from my sister!"
- "Swing that club like your wife did."
- "Quit texting before each putt."
- "I'm having your baby!"
- "Stop thinking about 'fourways' on the fairway!"



(AMNY)

needs to try and appeal to his fans and customers. And I think he did that," Tantillo said.

Sponsors will also want him back, as long as Woods regains his form on the course, Kluger said.

"He may never be on the cover of Wheaties again, but he can rehabilitate his image," Kluger said.

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More money woes for famed photog

Photographer Annie Leibovitz is facing new accusations of balking at bills, less than a month after she struck a deal intended to resolve financial problems that risked the rights to her images.

Investment firm Brunswick Capital Partners LP sued the celebrity photographer Friday in Manhattan.

It says Leibovitz owes

more than \$800,000 in fees for its help arranging her financing agreement with another firm.

Leibovitz last year struggled to repay a \$24 million loan. Colony Capital LLC agreed last month to help manage her debt and market her portfolio.

Through a spokesman, Leibovitz declined to comment yesterday.



Leibovitz

(AP)

Lawyer: I stole from my clients

A suspended personal-injury lawyer yesterday admitted to stealing more than \$2 million from clients, including medical malpractice victims and people hurt in car accidents.

Marc Bernstein, 55, who pleaded guilty to grand larceny and other charges and could get nine years

in prison, stole cash from clients' settlements to cover his own debts, the Manhattan district attorney's office said.

The cheated clients included a woman whose appendix was mistakenly removed when she was supposed to have a hysterectomy, prosecutors said.

(AP)



Assist by the prez President Barack Obama helps Joshua Greshan, 4, of Bowie, Md., with his basketball shot as part of the White House Easter Egg Roll festivities yesterday. (GETTY)

6 dead, 21 missing in W.Va. mine blast

Six miners were killed and at least 21 unaccounted for yesterday in an explosion at an underground coal mine, the West Virginia mining director said.

Ron Wooten said the blast was reported around 3 p.m. at Massey Energy's Upper Big Branch mine in Raleigh County, about 30 miles south of Charleston. The company did not provide details on the extent of the damage. A

Boone County ambulance dispatcher also reported the same number of fatalities and missing miners.

The mine is operated by Massey subsidiary Performance Coal Co.

Mine emergency crews from the State Office of Miners' Health Safety and Training were headed to the scene, but agency spokeswoman Jama Jarrett had no more details. (AP)

U.S. troubled by report Karzai would join Taliban

The White House was troubled yesterday by reports that Afghan President Hamid Karzai threatened to abandon the political process and join the Taliban insurgency if he continued to receive pressure from Western backers to reform his government.

"On behalf of the American people, we're frustrated with the remarks," spokesman Robert Gibbs said. (AP)

Briefs

Aftershocks hit border after deadly quake

MEXICALI, MEXICO Aftershocks rattled the southwest Mexico-U.S. border early yesterday in the aftermath of a major earthquake that killed two people.

Judge: Hopper's wife can live on property for now

LOS ANGELES Dennis Hopper's estranged wife and daughter can live on his property during their divorce case, a judge ruled yesterday. He must also pay \$12,000 a month in support. (AP)

Toyota hit with \$16M fine

BY KEN THOMAS
The Associated Press

Toyota faces a maximum penalty of more than \$16 million, a record civil penalty against an automaker, for failing to promptly notify the U.S. government about defective gas pedals among its vehicles.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said yesterday that documents obtained

from the Japanese automaker showed that Toyota knew of the problem with the sticking gas pedals in late September but did not issue a recall until late January. The sticking gas pedal recall involved 2.3 million vehicles.

"We now have proof that Toyota failed to live up to its legal obligations," LaHood said. "Worse yet, they knowingly hid a dangerous

defect for months from U.S. officials and did not take action to protect millions of drivers and their families."

In a statement, Toyota did not say whether it would pay the fine. The automaker has two weeks to accept or contest it.

"We have already taken a number of important steps to improve our communications ... on safety-related matters," Toyota said.



Toyota's Prius hybrid was part of the recall. (GETTY)

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Teen helped kill African white supremacist: Mom

VENTERSDORP, SOUTH AFRICA A 15-year-old who minded cattle for South Africa's most notorious white supremacist told his mother that he and an older laborer bludgeoned him to death because he hadn't paid them in months, she said yesterday, undermining claims the killing was inspired by a song urging people to kill white farmers.

S. Korean navy chasing after hijacked tanker

NAIROBI, KENYA A supertanker carrying about \$160 million of crude oil from Iraq to the U.S. is believed to have been hijacked by Somali pirates, officials said yesterday. A South Korean navy destroyer was pursuing the ship.

War-displaced Bosnians visited by Brangelina

SARAJEVO, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt visited Bosnia yesterday to spotlight the plight of 117,000 people who have not been able to return to their homes, even though the Bosnia war ended 15 years ago.



Thai protesters occupy the streets yesterday. (GETTY)

Protesters vow to stay in Thai commercial core

BANGKOK, THAILAND Thousands of defiant anti-government demonstrators fanned out to other parts of Thailand's capital and threatened businesses with ties to the government yesterday after ignoring police orders to leave the commercial district.

Jordanians panic after April Fool's alien story

AMMAN, JORDAN A Jordanian newspaper's front page April Fools' Day report chronicling a late-night visit by 10-foot-tall aliens in flying saucers sparked public panic and almost led to the town's emergency evacuation, officials said yesterday. (AP)

Pakistan attack targets U.S.

Islamist militants unleashed a car bomb and grenade attack against a U.S. consulate in northwestern Pakistan yesterday, killing four people, a retaliation for the months of American missile strikes against Taliban and al-Qaida fighters in the region.

Hours earlier, a suicide bomber killed 45 people and wounded more than 70 at a rally by a secular political party in the northwest that has supported recent Pakistani army offensives in the region close to Afghanistan,

where the U.S. is battling a related insurgency.

The attacks follow a lull in violence since the beginning of the year, illustrating the militants' resilience.

The multi pronged strike against the consulate in Peshawar city was the first

direct assault on a U.S. mission in the country since 2006. Officials said the four attackers in two vehicles hoped to breach the heavily fortified compound and kill people inside, but they failed to do that and caused only minor damage. (AP)



'Sandpede' Israelis carve an elephant out of sand yesterday during the Israeli National Park and Reserves authority's annual display in the town of Beit Yanai. (GETTY)

Over 100 rescued from China mine after 8-day ordeal

More than 100 Chinese miners were pulled out alive yesterday after being trapped for over a week in a flooded coal mine, where some ate sawdust and strapped themselves to the shafts' walls with their belts to avoid drowning while they slept.

Rescued miners wrapped in blankets were hurried to waiting ambulances that sped waiting to nearby hospitals. Still, 38 miners remain in the shaft. (AP)

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More than 300K iPads sold, low given the hype

Apple said yesterday that it delivered more than 300,000 iPads on its opening day, meeting some expectations while underscoring the challenges in marketing the device beyond early adopters. The total seemed modest given the weeks of hype about the revolutionary nature of Apple's new touch-screen tablet device.

Oil hits 18-month high, raising pump fears

New reports showing improvement in the housing and services sectors combined with encouraging employment data sent oil and gasoline prices to an 18-month high yesterday. Oil now appears to be in a new range that could go to \$95 or higher, according to an analyst, sparking fears of higher gas prices. (AP)

Know the score on credit

Here's some free advice on your rights

BY CANDACE CHOI
The Associated Press

The Federal Trade Commission began last week requiring Web sites with free credit reports to link to the government-approved annualcreditreport.com.

Now that your report will be easier to find, you may be curious about who can see it and use it:

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Bits O' Buzz

Edie Falco set to return to the New York stage

"Nurse Jackie" star and Broadway vet **Edie Falco** is slated to play an ex-prisoner in an off-Broadway production of "This Wide Night," opening at the Peter Jay Sharp Theatre on May 16.

Attention, shoppers: Posen for Target presale

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Reese and agent BF spend Easter together

Reese Witherspoon's three-month relationship might be getting serious. Agent **Jim Toth** accompanied Witherspoon and her two kids to church for Easter, People magazine reported.

Ashley stands by her guy

Ashley Olsen certainly wasn't shy about her feelings for boyfriend **Justin Bartha** at the premiere party for his Broadway show, "Lend Me a Tenor."

"They were super-affectionate," a witness told us. "She was his No. 1 supporter as she stood right by him the entire night."

Ashley, 23, also brought sister **Mary-Kate** to Sunday night's black-tie shindig, held at Espace on West 42nd Street.

Also there was **Zach Galifianakis**, who co-starred with Bartha, 31, in "The Hangover." At one point, Galifianakis' gal pal stepped outside to have "a few smokes" with the twins, our spy said.



(GETTY)

'Twilight' hunk, '90210' GF play it low-key in Montreal

The stars of "Twilight" usually cause a huge commotion wherever they go, but vamp-hunk **Kellan Lutz** stayed pretty under the radar during a recent shopping trip with his girlfriend, "90210" star **AnnaLynne McCord**, in Montreal.

amNewYork's spy caught a peek at the on-again, off-again couple at Diesel, where they did some shopping.

"They were super-low-key, so down to earth," another witness told us.

Lutz is in Montreal shooting the upcoming movie "Dawn of War," in which he plays the Greek god Poseidon.



(AP)



In the 'House' Teen singing sensation **Justin Bieber** performs at the White House Easter Egg Roll yesterday.

Tori 'Spells' it out: Her marriage isn't ending

Tori Spelling has shot down rumors that she and her husband of four years, **Dean McDermott**, are splitting up.

"We're not headed for divorce," Spelling, 36, said yesterday on the "Today" show. "We're committed to each other. But ... we work on things just like everyone else."



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- **Dad's in Heaven With Nixon** (8:30 p.m., Showtime) — A personal film about a family and a son with autism. Much of this is based in Southampton.
- **NCIS: Los Angeles** (9 p.m., CBS/2) — When a murder of a Marine is linked to a mixed martial arts gym, Sam (LL Cool J) goes undercover as a fighter. Real MMA fighters have cameos.
- **The Good Wife** (10 p.m., CBS/2) — Alicia (Julianna Margulies) and Will (Josh Charles) deal with their mounting sexual tension.



The great divide

Director Kathryn Bigelow won an Oscar, but have things really changed?

BY ROBERT LEVIN • Special to amNewYork

In the wake of Kathryn Bigelow's groundbreaking Oscar win for directing "The Hurt Locker," the first

time a woman took that award, a debate has arisen over whether 2009 marked a watershed moment for women in Hollywood. amNewYork spoke with three prominent female filmmakers about it.



Debra Granik
Granik's drama "Winter's Bone" was the talk of the 2010 Sundance Film Festival. It opens in theaters this summer.

"I like to believe [the future] wouldn't be a whole cadre of women who find it thrilling ... to get \$60 million [budgets]. I want women to be better. I want women to be frugal. I want them to show that movies don't have to cost that much money. ... Culture only gets better with diversity. I think it can be done without animosity."

"Hurt Locker" director Kathryn Bigelow



Agnieszka Wojtowicz-Vosloo
While a student at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, Wojtowicz-Vosloo's short "Pâté" was a big

success. Her first feature, "After. Life," opens Friday.

"I believe women, despite Kathryn's win, still have a long, long way to go before they're on equal footing with men. And unfortunately that mind-set is driven by women in the industry as much as men. Women filmmakers should not allow themselves to be pigeonholed or be deterred by inequality."



Carol Dysinger
Dysinger is the director of "Camp Victory, Afghanistan," a documentary about the U.S. National Guardsmen

charged with training individuals for service in the Afghan National Army. The documentary will screen at the Human Rights Watch Film Festival in New York City in June.

"We are — all of us — finally off the hook [with Bigelow's win]. ... I love that she did not go into a long speech about it. I love that [the movie] was a woman talking about the world, and not about women. Let us make the art that interests us."

TUESDAY
MUSIC

Atoms for Peace: Roseland Ballroom, 8 p.m., \$48. Radiohead's Thom Yorke fronts this alternative band, which also includes Flea from the Red Hot Chili Peppers. 239 W. 52nd St., btwn Broadway and Eighth Ave. (C, E, 1 to 50th St.), 212-777-1224

Bone Thugs-N-Harmony: The Fillmore New York at Irving Plaza, 9 p.m., \$30. This popular rap group is known for songs



Bone Thugs-N-Harmony (GETTY)

such as "Crossroads." 17 Irving Pl., at E. 15th St. (4, 5, 6, L, N, Q, R, W to 14th St.-Union Sq.), 212-777-6800

Gringo Star: Mercury Lounge, 6:30 p.m., \$10. This innovative pop-rock band fuses an energetic style with a lush and catchy sound. 217 E. Houston St., at Essex St. (F, V to Lower East Side-Second Ave.; J, M, Z to Delancey-Essex sts.), 212-260-4700

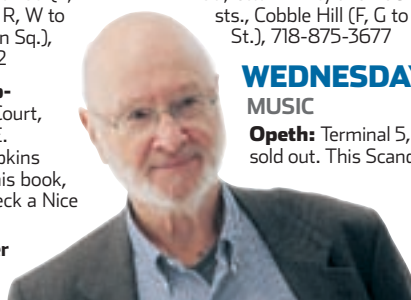
TALKS & READINGS

Jules Feiffer: Strand Bookstore, 7 p.m., FREE. This award-winning author and cartoonist talks about his book "Backing Into Forward: A Memoir," which

is an illustrated story about his childhood and life. 828 Broadway, at W. 12th St. (4, 5, 6, L, N, Q, R, W to 14th St.-Union Sq.), 212-473-1452

Dave Tompkins: BookCourt, 7 p.m., FREE. Author Tompkins reads from his book, "How to Wreck a Nice

Jules Feiffer
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Best Coast: Mercury Lounge, 6:30 p.m., \$10. The songs of pop singer Bethany Cosentino (aka Best Coast) have a laid-back, summery attitude. 217 E. Houston St., at Essex St. (F, V to Lower East Side-Second Ave.; J, M, Z to Delancey-Essex sts.), 212-260-4700

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COMEDY

Tom Shillue: Comix, 7:30 p.m., \$10. This well-known comedian invites other performers to tell their best stories. 353 W. 14th St., btwn Eighth and Ninth aves. (A, C, E to 14th St.; L to Eighth Ave.), 212-524-2500

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Lloyd Constantine: Barnes & Noble Upper East Side, 7 p.m., FREE. Constantine reads from his book "Journal of the Plague Year: An Insider's Chronicle of Eliot Spitzer's Short and Tragic Reign." 150 E. 86th St., btwn Lexington and Third aves. (4, 5, 6 to 86th St.), 212-369-2180

Fernanda Eberstadt: 192 Books, 7 p.m., FREE. This talented author signs copies of her novel, "Rat," about a poor young girl trying to make the best of life. Reservations required. 192 10th Ave., btwn 21st and 22nd sts. (C, E to 23rd St.), 212-255-4022

The potent political power of Ted Leo

BY HAL BIENSTOCK
Special to amNewYork

In a more just world, Ted Leo and the Pharmacists would be every bit as big as Green Day.

Like the multimillion-selling trio, Leo blends politics with hook-filled pop-punk. Unlike them, he's still picking up new fans one by one, playing high-energy concerts in clubs across the country and putting out consistently strong albums like his latest, "The Brutalist Bricks."

How do you write political songs without coming off as preachy? It's pretty simple — just don't preach. My only interest in politics is how it affects citizens — you and me — in the flesh. Ulti-

If you go

Ted Leo and the Pharmacists perform Friday at The Fillmore at Irving Plaza at 9 p.m. 17 Irving Pl., 212-777-6800. \$16

mately, what I'm trying to do is make some sense of it and hope the songs I write create some sort of conversation through which others can do the same.

Is it hard to avoid being cynical when you write? I get frustrated when I get depressed, and when I'm optimistic, a lot of it is guarded, but I try to remain really open to beauty and positive things.

You've covered artists such as Kelly Clarkson and Sade. What do you like about their songs? With Kelly Clarkson, it was meant to be cheeky. She's not someone you're "supposed" to like, but ["Since U Been Gone"] is a great little pop song. Sade just makes beautiful music and I like to sing beautiful music.

Who inspired you as a performer?

Bands who seemed to always give it everything they've got — MC5, the Who, the Jam, the Clash, even James Brown. But I'd say ... the '80s hardcore scene had the biggest influence.

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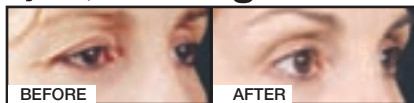
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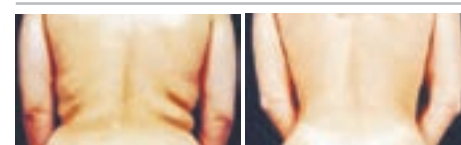


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Best global golf getaways

BY RHEA MAHBUBANI
Special to amNewYork

As the weather heats up, along with the buzz from Tiger Woods' return to golf, you may find yourself aching to get out on a course.

We asked Chris Santella, author of the recently released "Fifty More Places to Play Golf Before You Die," to recommend some special golf getaways around the world.

Oregon Bandon Trails

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Tasmania Barnbougle Dunes

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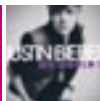
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Reviews

Dr. Dog • Shame Shame • ★★★★★



I've tried to find something wrong with this band's latest record. It's like trying to find Danny DeVito in a cornfield. The quavering, wistful, multilayered "Shame Shame" pushes its '60s-loving sound forward and is everything modern American indie pop should be: It's concise but stands up to repeat listens. It's appealing but not pandering. It's evocative of a better time and place. In short, it's Dr. Dog. (CHARLES DEVLBISS)



Sally Selmann Heart That's Pounding

★★★★★

With her third album, Australian indie-pop songbird Sally Selmann (co-writer of Feist's smash hit "1234") proves she is more than just a nimble scribe. Even when her lyrics turn sickly sweet, her softly lilting voice, pitched somewhere between The Bird and the Bee's Inara George and the Snuggly bear, keeps this sleeve-kept "Heart" beating strong. (CD)



Sharon Jones & The Dap-Kings I Learned the Hard Way

★★★★★

By embodying a bygone era, this band shoulders decades of expectations. How can something old sound new again without it actually sounding new? This Brooklyn soul group's fourth album is yet another slab of hip, warm soul, funk and gospel that resurrects the Stax stoicism and Motown joy that made those catalogs sing. (CD)

The Doors' 'Other Side'

BY ROBERT LEVIN
Special to amNewYork

After more than four decades, you might not think there's much more to learn about The Doors. But you'd be wrong.

The new documentary "When You're Strange" consists entirely of never-before-seen footage of the band, with behind-the-scenes and performance clips from throughout the band's history.

"There have been a lot of films about The Doors, but you don't get The Doors' story in an hour and a half film using nothing but documentary footage," said keyboardist Ray Manzarek. "No talking heads. ... You don't want to see that."

Among the documentary's most striking departures from past depictions of the band is its portrait of a young, carefree Morrison, before his struggles with substance abuse transformed him into a tortured artist.



Archival footage of a young Jim Morrison in carefree times.

SEE & HEAR

"When You're Strange" opens in theaters Friday. The soundtrack is available now.

"It has Jim a little younger, with more humor — lighter, which he was in the early days," drummer John Densmore said.

Morrison died in 1971 and The Doors officially disbanded two years later. Manzarek and Robbie Krieger revived the band in 2002 and have found that its clarion call for rebellion still resonates deeply.

"We made music from the passionate commitment to change the world," Manzarek said.

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2	1	4	3

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LEVEL

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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

Yesterday's solution

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

1 School kids' transports

6 Remain

10 Blemish

14 __ Newton

15 Story

16 Sharpen

17 Tithing amount, often

18 Italian mountain range

20 Prior to

21 Racing sled

23 Feeling of anxiety

24 "Why don't we!"

25 Drinks like Fido

27 Cook's instructions

30 Large seaweed

31 Jamaican music style

34 Test

35 Stop

36 Silent assent

37 Like one who doesn't beat around the bush

41 "The flowers that bloom in the spring, __ la..."

42 Impudent

43 Televangelist __ Roberts

44 Rested one's feet

45 Well-to-do

46 Calm

48 Place in order of importance

49 __-to; shed

50 Magazine edition

53 Prejudice

54 Touch lightly

57 Chitchat

60 Ridiculous

62 Theater section

63 Malarial fever

64 President Richard

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DOWN

1 Morsel

2 Consumer

3 Rational

4 Dine

5 Haul

6 Does' mates

7 VCR insertion

8 Tavern order

9 Strong desire

10 Leg parts

11 Ping-__; table tennis

12 Small bills

13 Dry run

19 Siesta taker

22 Western Indian

24 Peru's capital

25 Full of foliage

26 Additionally

27 Takes a break

28 __ point; TD follower, often

29 Jewelry weight

30 Sailing vessel

31 Trap

32 Muslim's book

33 Confuse

35 Norris or Berry

38 Jerusalem's nation

39 Make progress

40 Dog-eared

46 Caribbean __

47 Letting up

48 Reigned

49 Was fond of

50 __ of Wight

51 Air pollution

Yesterday's solution

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52 Heroic story

53 Depressed

54 Cab

55 Shortly

56 __ up; confined

58 Light brown

59 __-old; ancient

61 Zero

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WEB POLL RESULTS

Will the Mets make the playoffs this year?

56 PERCENT YES

44 PERCENT NO

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Country singer **Merle Haggard** is 73. Actor **Billy Dee Williams** is 73. Actor **Roy Thinnes** ("The Invaders") is 72. Actor **John Ratzenberger** is 63. Singer-guitarist **Frank Black** of The Pixies is 45. Actor **Paul Rudd** is 41. Actor **Jason Hervey** ("The Wonder Years") is 38. Actor **Zach Braff** is 35. Actress **Candace Cameron Bure** ("Full House") is 34.

Merle Haggard (GETTY)

YOUR HOROSCOPE

To get an advantage, check your rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Today's birthday, April 6:

Creative effort takes you far in the coming year. Pay closer attention to dreams as a key to your subconscious that may provide solutions. Find a recreational activity that allows you to burn off stress, helping you to face challenges powerfully.

7 Aries (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

Let your optimism simmer. Everyone needs to adapt to the demands of the moment. Save emotions for later.

8 Taurus (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Take extra time during the planning phase of a project. Let ideas simmer until you taste the magic. Then translate mental images into practical displays.

6 Gemini (MAY 21-JUNE 21)

What you think ought to be simple instead has many perplexing thorns. Even the greatest imagination would need to adapt ideas to limited means.

5 Cancer (JUNE 22-JULY 22)

You may be dealing with moral questions. Spiritual inspiration comes from meditation or dreams. Remember to keep your feet on the ground.

6 Leo (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

To ensure a solid foundation for your ideas, reach out to a professional for needed advice. Although you don't like everything you hear, you glean some gold.

7 Virgo (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Figure out a logical set of priorities. Then, work closely with a partner, even if you irritate each other now. Finally, mobilize your enthusiasm.

6 Libra (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

What starts out as a thorny problem eventually gives in to creative concepts developed within your group. Team up to break through resistance.

6 Scorpio (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Get out and about today to maximize career opportunities. Take a shopping list. Multitask works today.

6 Sagittarius (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

You're torn between two options. Follow advice from a reliable source, or take a leap of faith on an associate's enthusiasm? Either choice works out.

6 Capricorn (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Messages arrive from a variety of sources. Narrow the field by eliminating stressful concepts. Go with what feels good.

7 Aquarius (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

You and a partner work to develop a long-range plan. Consider each facet according to your personal philosophy.

5 Pisces (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Your partner points you toward unknown territory. There are benefits to going there, accompanied by some prickly problems.

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Sore from texting? Consider stretching

The proliferation of cell phones is leading to a new range of pain, according to Dr. Mark Sobor of chicagohealers.com.

All that texting is causing neck, shoulder, hand and arm pain, including the same kinds of injuries faced by those who type on computers a lot.

Here are Sobor's tips for avoiding texting troubles:

- Prepare for texting like a physical workout. Warm up and stretch.
- Improve your posture. Don't hunch while texting.
- Take breaks. Put the phone down between texts; get up and move around.
- Stretch your forearm by extending your arm with the palm facing up and using the other hand to pull your palm toward the floor. (MCT)



Injuries from texting are easily avoided.



(GETTY)

Here's how to send that beer gut packing

Summer will be more fun without it

BY WILLIAM HAGEMAN
Chicago Tribune

Nothing looks worse than a beer gut hanging over that new Speedo.

But belly fat is also associated with a variety of adverse health issues.

Here's everything you'll ever need to know about belly fat and how to fight it:

Two kinds of fat

There are two types of fat involved: subcutaneous fat

and visceral fat.

"Visceral fat is inside the abdominal wall; subcutaneous fat is outside the abdominal wall, the stuff you can grab. It's commonly believed that visceral fat is more harmful, associated with more health risks than subcutaneous fat," said Dr. Donald Hensrud of the Mayo Clinic. "It's not 100 percent the case."

Causes of belly fat

There are several causes of belly fat. Genetics can play a role. Being sedentary also contributes. Aging is another factor. Smoking and alcohol are also major culprits.

Ways to shed pounds

There are three ways to combat the beer gut, none of which is a particular revelation. It comes down to the same-old, same-old: diet and exercise.

Cut down on your drinking. Especially the beer. If you're really serious about losing the beer gut, eliminate it altogether.

Eat smart. If you're scrapping the beer, you might as well do it right and eliminate those beer nuts from your diet as well.

Start exercising. The best exercises are those that reduce total body fat, such as running and cycling. Do more than sit-ups.

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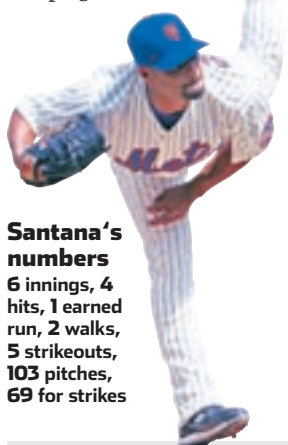
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Mets open season triumphant

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White plastic bags floated over the immaculate grass. Plumes of dust swirled over the outfield warning track. Some players had to stuff stray empty water bottles into their back pockets to safely field their positions.

If the sun, wind and flying debris that buffeted Citi Field yesterday were a symbolic reverberation from the Mets' draining 70-92 campaign



Santana's numbers
6 innings, 4 hits, 1 earned run, 2 walks, 5 strikeouts, 103 pitches, 69 for strikes

METS (1-0) 7
MARLINS (0-1) 1

at Citi Field

last season, their steely and triumphant response — a 7-1 victory over Florida before a sellout crowd of 41,245 — was a fine way to turn the page. Or at least to begin turning the page.

"We got out the gate, but we haven't gone anywhere," said manager Jerry Manuel, who will start John Maine against the Marlins tomorrow. "We're trying to figure some things out and win at the same time."

For one blustery day without injured starters Carlos Beltran, Jose Reyes and Daniel Murphy, Manuel's plan worked.

Subbing for Beltran in center, Gary Matthews Jr. scored two runs and called off his teammates to field several drifting fly balls — sometimes with a bottle in his back pocket.

Johan Santana banished memories of his 6.75 spring

GAME HIGHLIGHTS

- David Wright started the scoring when he punched a 1-0 pitch over the wall in right to give the Mets a 2-0 lead over the Marlins in the first inning.
- The Mets got four runs and five hits over five-plus innings against ace Josh Johnson.
- Newcomers Jason Bay, Gary Matthews Jr. and Rod Barajas each got two hits.

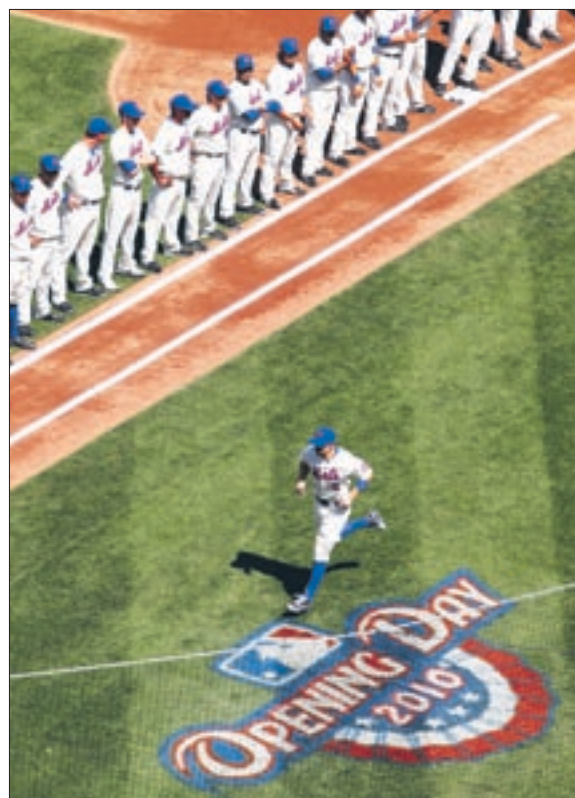
(AP)

training ERA with a sturdy six-inning performance that began with six straight batters retired.

"He went out and did what aces do," said Matthews, one of several Mets to provide the timely hits that nailed down Santana's victory.

Catcher Rod Barajas, who doubled in Matthews during a four-run sixth inning, called the off-speed pitch Santana had going yesterday "as good a changeup as I've ever seen."

The Mets' fifth straight Opening Day victory gave the team and its ardent fans a positive beginning. What's left to sort out are the middle and end.



David Wright trots out for his Opening Day introduction. He homered off Josh Johnson in his first at-bat. (PHOTOS: GETTY)

Headlines

MLB

- Red Sox, RHP Beckett agree on 4-yr., \$68M extension
- In Tampa, Yanks' Hughes fans 12 during simulated game
- Phillies crush Nationals 11-1 in debut of ace Roy Halladay
- Pujols (4-for-5) has 2 of Cards' 4 homers in 11-6 win at Reds
- Rookie OF Heyward powers Braves to 16-5 win over Cubs
- Rangers get walkoff 5-4 win in opener against Blue Jays

NBA

- Suspended Wizards guard Arenas gets two days in jail
- Knicks waive Mobley, who never played after '08 trade
- Lakers' Jackson fined \$35,000 for criticizing refs

NCAA BASKETBALL

- Duke's Coach K not interested in taking over embattled Nets
- Texas A&M coach Turgeon agrees to contract extension
- After 5-26 season, Wagner hires prep coach Dan Hurley

NFL

- Rams cut ex-Pro Bowl QB Bulger; Bradford coming?
- Seattle deals starting G Sims to Detroit for DE Henderson

NHL

- Devils' Langenbrunner a candidate for Messier Award

TV SPORTS TODAY

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MSG Boston at Knicks, 7:30 p.m.

NHL

MSG2 Rangers at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

ESPN Division I tournament, championship, Stanford vs. Connecticut, at San Antonio, 9 p.m.

3 takeaways from opening loss for Yanks

Obviously, there is no need to panic after a season-opening loss, but whenever the Yankees come up short at Fenway — as they did in Sunday's brutal 9-7 setback against Boston — the microscope on the team zooms in a little more.

Here are three lessons the Yanks should learn as they get back into action against the Red Sox tonight.

1 Joe Girardi still needs to figure out the pitching staff.



Girardi

We criticized him last year for overmanaging. He made two noticeable errors Sunday, leaving a tired CC Sabathia in for the sixth inning and pulling Dave Robertson too quickly.

2 The Yanks can run on Boston. They learned this last year and continued it Sunday with Brett Gardner's stealing of home. The Yanks have enough speed throughout the lineup — Gardner, Derek Jeter and Curtis Granderson — to keep the pressure on.

FENWAY: ROUND 2

Yankees (RHP A.J. Burnett) at Boston (LHP Jon Lester), today, 7 p.m. **YES**

... at Fenway ... on national television ... against Josh Beckett, one of the top pitchers in the league. (PETE CATAPANO)

3 Granderson looks like he can handle the pressure.

Fine, the Yankees' new center fielder grounded out in the ninth. However, in his first Yankee at-bat, he homered



Brett Gardner, right, scored on a double steal by the Yankees on Sunday. (GETTY)

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SPORTS



Darryl Strawberry before throwing out the first pitch at Citi Field yesterday

(AP)

Worried about Doc

Darryl Strawberry's excitement over throwing out the ceremonial first pitch for the Mets on Opening Day was contained by his concern for troubled friend Dwight Gooden.

"I'm just praying for him and his family," Strawberry said yesterday before the Mets hosted the Marlins.

Gooden was arrested March 23 for driving under the influence of drugs, leaving the scene of an accident and child endangerment in New Jersey. It was the latest

in a long series of personal failures that began with his suspension for testing positive for cocaine in 1987, when he and Strawberry were an imposing duo on the defending World Series champion Mets.

A couple of hours before he tossed a bloop to another former teammate, Mets hitting coach Howard Johnson, Strawberry talked about how tough it is to see his friend struggling.

Strawberry, whose career was also derailed by drugs and legal troubles, said he reached out to Gooden, but declined to get into details of the conversation, saying "it's personal."

Teammates in the 1980s, Gooden's pitching and Strawberry's hitting helped the Mets to the 1986 World Series title. They are set to be inducted together this summer into the team's hall of fame.



Gooden

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