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**Massive Fire Ravages Universal Studios**

**UP IN SMOKE:** A column of smoke rises Sunday from a fire on a back lot at Universal Studios, north of Los Angeles, Calif. The blaze destroyed a set from “Back to the Future” and a “King Kong” exhibit, but nobody was seriously injured. **Sequel:** Fire rips through historic site for second time in 20 years | **Page 3**

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**Clinton Wins in Puerto Rico**

Despite lopsided loss, Obama inches closer to nomination

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO | Hillary Rodham Clinton won a lopsided, but largely symbolic victory Sunday in Puerto Rico’s presidential primary, the final act in a weekend of tumult that pushed Barack Obama tantalizingly close to the Democratic presidential nomination.

After winning roughly two-thirds of the votes in the primary, Clinton predicted she would have more combined votes than her rival when the primaries end Tuesday night, claiming victories in key swing states and said that no contender will command enough delegates to claim the nomination. “In the final assessment, I ask you: Which candidate best represents the will of the people who voted in this historic election?” she said.

Obama projected confidence, and even in defeat he gained 16 delegates in Puerto Rico, leaving him 48 short of the 2,118 needed to clinch the nomination.

Contrary to Clinton, Obama aides predicted he was on track to gain a delegate majority shortly after the primaries in South Dakota and Montana, and questioned her popular vote claim. Her assertion includes estimates for caucuses in Iowa, Nevada, Maine and Washington state, where no official popular vote is available. It also includes the results from Florida, where no campaigning occurred, and Michigan, where Obama’s name was not on the ballot. (AP)

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Police in a Colorado town are searching for two robbers whose masks showed plenty of fashion sense but little modesty: women’s thong underwear. A surveillance video released last week by police in Arvada, Colo., shows two unarmed men inside the convenience store. They stole an undisclosed amount of cash and cigarettes on May 16. One man wore a green thong, and the other wore a blue thong. Each thong barely covered the man’s nose, mouth and chin, and left the rest of his face exposed. One also wore a pink backpack in which he stuffed the stolen items. The suspects also wore T-shirts and pants and were described as being in their 20s. (AP)

THEFT

Quarters Needed For Laundry Day

Police didn’t have to look too hard to figure out the rightful home of a soda vending machine found in a front yard — they just followed the tracks. Detectives from the St. Francis County sheriff’s office spotted a Pepsi machine on Thursday in the yard of a home in Hughes, Ark. A set of dolly tracks in front of the machine led back to a liquor store less than a mile away that had reported it missing. Two men in the yard fled when authorities arrived. One was arrested on suspicion of theft, fleeing on foot and obstructing government operations. The other remains at large. About 1,800 residents live in Hughes, near Memphis, Tenn. (AP)

LODGING

How to House Your New Intern

A homeless woman who sneaked into a man’s house and lived undetected in his closet for a year was arrested in Japan after the man became suspicious when food mysteriously began disappearing. Police found the 58-year-old woman Thursday hiding in the top compartment of the man’s closet and arrested her for trespassing, police spokesman Hiroki Itakura said Friday. The woman told police she first sneaked into the man’s house about a year ago when he left it unlocked. (AP)

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HIGH-MINDED: A 30-year-old man caught with bags of marijuana in Iowa City, Iowa, Saturday told police he had recycling, not mischief, in mind. The man said he was going to use the marijuana to start a compost heap, but officers did not believe his story and arrested him.

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Blaze Engulfs Movie Sets

Universal Studios loses iconic structures and footage in fire

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. | King Kong’s roar was silenced, and Marty McFly won’t be going back to the future anytime soon.

A raging fire ripped through a lot at Universal Studios on Sunday and destroyed some of Hollywood’s most familiar backdrops, including the courthouse square from “Back to the Future” and a streetscape featured in “Bruce Almighty,” “Spider-man 2” and “Transformers.”

It was the second fire at the historic site in nearly two decades, leveling facades, hollowing out buildings and creating the kind of catastrophe filmmakers relish re-creating. This time around, thousands of videos chronicling Universal’s movie and TV shows were destroyed in the blaze.

But Universal officials said they were thankful no one was seriously injured at the theme park and that the damaged footage can be replaced.

“We have duplicates of everything,” said NBC Universal President and Chief Operating Officer Ron Meyer. “Nothing is lost forever.”

Universal officials didn’t immediately say what their plans would be for the site.

The blaze broke out on a sound stage featuring New York brownstone facades around 4:30 a.m. at the 400-acre property. Los Angeles County Fire Chief Michael Free-

man said the fire was contained to the lot, but about 400 firefighters were still trying to put it out several hours later.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Along with the courthouse square, the famous clock tower used to help send Michael J. Fox’s character through time was damaged, fire officials said. Two mock New York and New England streets used for moviemaking and as tourist displays were a total loss, Los Angeles County Fire Inspector Dar-

ry Jacobs said.

An exhibit housing a mechanically animated King Kong that belo-

ows at visitors on a tram also was destroyed.

All three sites were either damaged or destroyed during another fire at Universal Studios in Novem-

ber 1990. That fire caused $25 million in damage and was started by a security guard who was sentenced to four years in prison after pleading guilty to arson.

The park remained closed Sun-

day afternoon as hundreds of visitors waited outside the gates, where acid smoke lingered. Fire officials didn’t believe air quality would pose a health hazard.

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The percentage of air travelers who say they have skipped at least one trip in the past 12 months because of the hassle of flying, a poll by the Travel Industry Association found.

**Manhattan Project relic will be torn down for an industrial park**

**Oak Ridge, Tenn.** | Building the world's first full-scale uranium enrichment factory—a 45-acre monster that was the biggest industrial structure in the world at the time—took 18 months amid the race for the first atomic bomb.

Six decades later, federal authorities think they finally have a handle on just how long it will take to clean up and tear down the long-shuttered relic of the Manhattan Project: about 15 years.

The K-25 Building anchored the facility that supplied that first bomb dropped on Japan, then supported the nation's nuclear arsenal in the early years of the Cold War.

Now the roof of the building is leaking, the walls are buckling and threatening substances from mold to mercury are rife.

"We thought it would be done sooner. We thought it would be further along than it is now. But structural issues and additional contamination have slowed the work up," said Robert Brown, deputy director of the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge complex. "There has been a lot of work concentrating on making sure that people going into that building come out in the same condition they went in."

The massive four-story U-shaped structure, a half-mile long, dominates a 1,500-acre site that DOE has been working since 1996 to convert into an industrial park.

In 2002, the DOE, the Environmental Protection Agency and the state accelerated the cleanup. Crews have made enough headway that the DOE and its contractors say K-25 will be leveled by late 2010, and the rest of the site finished by 2016.

Demolishing K-25 has always been the biggest hurdle to "reindustrializing" the site. But the deteriorating state of a building filled with PCPs, asbestos and radioactive uranium adds to the urgency.

"We knew it was in bad condition; we just didn't know it was in horrible condition," Brown said.

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Clinton Considers Her Next Move

Race for Democratic nomination may come to a close this week
WASHINGTON / The race all but over, Hillary Rodham Clinton is determining how to end her historic candidacy with her dignity intact and future secure.

It’s not an academic question, since rival Barack Obama is expected to secure enough delegates this week to claim the Democratic presidential nomination. The former first lady and New York senator is said to be considering a range of options, including dropping out of the race and endorsing Obama, suspending her candidacy to be available in the outside chance he stumbles or carrying her fight to the convention.

“It does appear to be pretty clear that Senator Obama is going to be the nominee,” said Tom Vilsack, a former Iowa governor and a national co-chairman of Clinton’s campaign. “After Tuesday’s contests, she needs to acknowledge that he’s going to be the nominee and quickly get behind him.”

The decision Saturday by the party rules committee to seat disputed delegations from Michigan and Florida at half-strength extinguished the former first lady’s last, slender hope of slowing Obama’s march to the nomination.

Publicly, Clinton and her campaign surrogates are using the reinstatement of the Michigan and Florida delegations to renew their claim that she is leading Obama in the popular vote — a debatable point, since the popular vote was never tabulated in four caucus states and she includes the rogue contests in Michigan and Florida. But they believe some uncommitted super-delegates could be persuaded by the argument.

Privately, her aides have said Clinton’s run is over and it’s simply a matter of when it becomes formal. And after maintaining a respectful distance, Obama campaign aides have begun to reach out to the Clinton campaign in hopes of pulling together and ameliorating hard feelings. BETH PERRY (AP)
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Militant group returns Israeli soldiers’ remains from 2006 conflict

JERUSALEM | Israel handed over a convicted Hezbollah spy to Lebanon on Sunday, and in a surprise move, the Islamic guerrilla group turned over what it said were the body parts of Israeli soldiers killed in a 2006 war.

The Hezbollah gesture, along with recent comments by its leader, signaled that a larger prisoner exchange could be in the works between the two bitter enemies.

Israel said Sunday’s exchanges were unrelated to a deal that would include Israel’s releasing the longest-serving Lebanese prisoner and Hezbollah setting free two soldiers captured in a 2006 cross-border raid that sparked a monthlong war.

But a senior Israeli military official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the talks, said a deal was in the making, even though there was no timetable for completing it.

Israeli authorities released Nasim Nisr, an Israeli of Lebanese descent after he completed a six-year sentence for espionage and drove him from a prison in central Israel to the northern Rosh Hani- kra crossing.

Hezbollah official Wafik Safa told the group’s al-Manar TV that it handed over a box containing what it said were the remains of Israeli soldiers killed in the war.

Nasrallah has boasted in the past that he holds the arms and legs of Israeli soldiers.

The Israeli army said the remains would undergo forensic exams.

Hefte Kram, a Red Cross spokes- man in Jerusalem, called Hezbol- lah’s move a “complete surprise,” and the Israeli military said the move was not coordinated.

Hezbollah leader Hassan Nas- rallah predicted last month that Israel would soon release prisoners it is holding, and German medi- tors have been trying to work out a swap for months. ARON HELLER (AP)

Israel Sends Back Hezbollah Spy

Yves Saint Laurent Dies at 71

Designer helped Paris become known as the world’s fashion capital

PARIS | Legendary designer Yves Saint Laurent, who reworked the rules of fashion by putting women into elegant pantsuits that came to define how modern women dressed, died Sunday evening in a longtime friend and associate said. He was 71.

Pierre Berge said Saint Laurent died at his Paris home following a long illness.

Saint Laurent was widely con- sidered the last of a generation that included Christian Dior and Coco Chanel, and made Paris the fashion capital of the world, with the Left Bank as its elegant headquarters.

In the fast-changing world of haute couture, Saint Laurent was hailed as the most influential and enduring designer of his time.

From the first YSL tuxedo and his trim pantsuits to see-through blouses, safari jackets and glamorous gowns, Saint Laurent created instant classics that remain stylish decades later.

When the designer announced his retirement in 2002 at age 65 and the closure of the Paris-based haute couture house he had founded 40 years earlier, it was mourned in the fashion world as the end of an era.

HIS STORE IN (EDIED ON3UNDAY

Yves Saint Laurent stands in front of his store in 1969. He died on Sunday.

Shootings Mar Macedonia Election

Prime minister claims win in parliamentary vote; gunbattles kill 1

SKOPJE, MACEDONIA | Macedo- nia’s prime minister declared victory Sunday in the Balkan coun- try’s parliamentary election after a vote that was marred by gunbattles that left one person dead and eight wounded.

Nikola Gruevski said his center- right VMRO-DPMNE had won enough votes to gain a majority of parliament’s 120 seats, and opposition leader Radmila Sekerinska conceded defeat.

But Gruevski said in his victory speech that while he regretted the violence, the vote was mostly fair and peaceful.

“Macedonia has the power to go ahead. The country has the energy for progress to join NATO and EU,” Gruevski said.

Jovan Josipovski, the head of the state election commission, said that with votes from nearly 83 percent of polling stations counted, VMRO had won 48 percent of the vote — far ahead of the Social Democrats’ 22 percent.

On Sunday, one person was killed and eight wounded in shoot- outs between rival ethnic Albanian groups or in standoffs with police, Interior Ministry spokesman Ivo Kotevski said. Twenty-one people were arrested.

The violence in ethnic Albanian areas forced authorities to suspend voting in 22 polling stations — 1 percent of the country’s total, com- mission spokesman Zoran Tanevski said. ELENA BECATOROS (AP)

INDONESIA | WINDFALL

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(COUNTYBOOK)

EYB, ILLA GALEN (AP)
Australia Pulls Its Troops From Iraq

Iraqi spokesman cites opposition to proposed U.S.-Iraqi security deal

BAGHDAD | Australia, one of the first countries to commit troops to the Iraq war five years ago, ended its combat mission here Sunday and began sending its 550 combat troops home.

Kevin Rudd, the new prime minister, has said the Iraq mission had made Australia more of a target for terrorism, and he had promised to bring home his country’s combat soldiers by the middle of this year.

Also on Sunday, Iraq’s chief spokesman acknowledged differences with the U.S. over a proposed long-term security agreement and pledged the government will protect Iraqi sovereignty in ongoing talks with the Americans.

Opposition has been growing to the proposed U.S.-Iraqi security pact, which will replace the current U.N. mandate and could provide for a long-term American military role in this country.

Much of the opposition comes from anti-American Shi’ite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, but statements critical of the deal have also been issued by mainstream Sunni and Shi’ite figures who fear it will undermine Iraqi sovereignty.

In a statement Sunday, chief government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the Iraqi negotiators have a “vision and a draft that is different” from the Americans', but that the talks, which began in March, were still in an early stage.

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CHINA | CHILDREN KILLED IN GUAKE REMEMBERED

SOLEMNS SALUTE: Young displaced earthquake survivors listen to China’s national anthem during a Children’s Day celebration in Ligu, China, on Sunday. The memory of thousands of youngsters killed in southwest China by the May 12 earthquake cast a pall over the normally joyous occasion.

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Pope John Paul II’s Soul on Trial

Catholic officials query whether the late pontiff deserves sainthood

ROME | Evidence overflows from hundreds of boxes stacked to the ceiling in room after room in the Catholic Diocese of Rome — photos, drawings, letters and other items that church officials are scouring for the answer to a question: Is Pope John Paul II a saint?

The task here at the office of the Postulator of the Cause for Beatification and Canonization is to judge souls, a complex job even when the soul in question doesn’t belong to a spiritual superhero such as John Paul, who died in 2005 as one of the most popular pontiffs in history.

Located down a towering marble hallway, through a locked glass door, the office is tasked with determining whether John Paul meets the Roman Catholic Church’s two standards of sainthood: His life deserves to be imitated, and he has shown a post-mortem power to help those who pray to him, proving he is in heaven with God.

From the start, this has not been a typical investigation.

So far, investigators are coming down in his favor. Their leader told reporters recently that beatification, or elevation to the status of “blessed,” often an intermediate step toward sainthood, could take place next spring.

The office has received a handful of arguments against sainthood for John Paul, whom reformers have long lambasted. Letters circulating point to the clergy sex abuse scandal, the treatment of women in the church and the repression of dissenting theologians.

But what is found here overwhelmingly supports the late pope’s “cause,” often in the most affectionate terms — a stuffed animal from a couple who says he helped end their infertility; a wedding dress from a person who wanted a partner.

From the start, this has not been a typical investigation. On the day of John Paul’s funeral in 2005, Catholics in St. Peter’s Square shouted out “Santo subito!” — sainthood now! His successor, Pope Benedict XVI, waived the five-year wait before formal considerations could begin.

Since then, the advocacy has only stepped up to get John Paul quickly through a process that can take centuries. MICHELLE GOODMAN

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Multiple D.C. Killings Mar Weekend

Most of the slayings took place in the 5th Police District in NE

With city residents and officials grappling with what was already shaping up as one of the District’s most violent weekends in recent memory, a young man was fatally shot and another man injured in Southeast early Sunday morning.

No arrests have been made in the death of Edward Mitchell, 21, who was found bleeding in the 4600 block of Livingston Road SE by officers on routine patrol at about 2:40 a.m. Saturday. The circumstances of the case remain under investigation, police said, as do those of the spate of shootings and stabbings from Friday night through early Saturday morning, and then again on Saturday night, that left seven men dead and four wounded.

Most of those incidents took place in the 5th Police District in Northeast, even though police have substantially boosted patrols there since a surge in crime last April.

On Sunday, city officials expressed frustration at the mounting toll of homicides, which, at 73, for the first time surpassed the number of slayings at the same time last year. “There is just this culture of violence that persists,” said D.C. Council member Harry Thomas Jr., D-Ward 5, as he stood near the spot on the 1100 block of Holbrook Street NE where three men were moved down over in a hail of 35 bullets after an argument that may have begun in a nearby nightclub over the weekend.

W.C. AIZENMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Police investigate near Florida Avenue and Holbrook Street in Northeast D.C.

Israeli Company to Take Root in Md.

Baltimore Gov. Martin O’Malley’s trade mission to Israel is leading to more business for Maryland. O’Malley announced Sunday that an Israeli high-tech company will establish its U.S. headquarters in Montgomery County.

The company, ClassiFy, develops identity authentication software.

ClassiFy CEO Rami Cohen says the company will begin with a small team at the Rockville location but expects substantial growth in the United States.

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett also met with ClassiFy executives during his trade mission to Israel last year. (AP)

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The percentage of guns used in Maryland crimes that came from other states, according to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Experts attribute the percentage to Maryland’s tough gun control laws.
Blu-Ray Still Behind

High-definition movie disc format is still too expensive for most

PRICEY FICKS | Blu-ray stomped HD DVD to become the standard format for high-definition movie discs, but years may pass before it can claim victory over the good old DVD.

Noemi Velazquez, a 44-year-old warehouse worker, can explain why. She took one look at the $399 price tag of a Blu-ray player at a Best Buy store in Glendale, Calif., and kept going.

“I have to admit, Blu-ray is great,” she said. “[But] I’m going to wait until they go to half-price.”

Analysts, movie studios and the Blu-ray Disc Association, a manufacturing group, all say Blu-ray discs will eventually dominate video sales. The question is when.

Blu-ray stomped HD DVD to become the standard format for high-definition movie discs, but, due to its high cost, years may pass before it can claim victory over the DVD.

Consumers are balking at the $300-plus cost of most Blu-ray players, especially because only limited movie titles are available in the format.

“People aren’t going to pay three times as much for a platform that’s only half-baked,” said Steve Wilson, a consumer electronics analyst with ABI Research.

Many also are waiting to see how cable, satellite and online video services play out. But, above all, consumers seem satisfied with standard-definition DVDs and players — even consumers who upgrade to high-definition TVs that can tap into Blu-ray’s sharper picture and clearer sound.

Velazquez said that because she was still paying off a $1,000 high-definition TV she bought in October, she was happy for now to keep watching pay-TV movies and standard-definition DVDs on it.

Sony Corp.-backed Blu-ray was crowned the next-generation video technology in February after Toshiba Corp., creator of the competing HD DVD format, abruptly said it would drop the fight. The move came after Warner Bros. decided to join most other studios by going solely with Blu-ray, and video rental chains followed suit.

Manufacturers are planning a souped-up lineup of titles and special features on Blu-ray discs to boost sales this summer and during the coming Christmas season in the hope that Blu-ray can turn around the sagging home video market. And retailers are creating new displays to explain Blu-ray’s benefits.

U.S. consumer spending on home video rentals and purchases in all formats, including DVD, HD DVD, Blu-ray and VHS, fell 3 percent to $24.1 billion last year. The figure was expected to drop another 2 percent this year to $23.6 billion, despite a sixfold increase in Blu-ray disc spending to $1.3 billion, according to Adams Media Research.

The Blu-ray increase is not enough to offset an expected 6 percent drop in overall spending on DVDs.

“The group that bought $2,000, 40-inch TVs are the ones that will lead the charge,” said Tom Adams, founder of the research firm. “Everyone else will come along when the price comes down.”

RYAN NAKASHIMA (AP)
Pens Need to Become Kids Again

Pittsburgh attempts to ignore the fact that it must win 3 straight STANLEY CUP | Maybe they should forget they’re in the Stanley Cup finals. Or that they’re playing the Detroit Red Wings, the team already being anointed as the NHL’s next champion.

Most of all, Pittsburgh forward Max Talbot said, the Penguins should ignore the fact that the only way they can win the Stanley Cup is to be the first team in 66 years to rally from a 3-1 deficit in the finals.

With much of the hockey world anticipating the Red Wings will raise the Cup in their own arena in Game 5 on Monday night, Talbot said the Penguins should go back to being kids, playing before a few family members in a frigid rink.

“I put it this way: We’re in a Pee-wee tournament right now and we’re in the quarterfinals,” Talbot said Sunday. “We have to win the next three games, and it’s do or die. If you want to win the finals, you have to win the three games and that’s where we are right now.”

That’s where the Penguins put themselves, too, in the most precarious of positions going back to Joe Louis Arena, where they scored zero goals in two games to begin the series.

In a potentially pivotal Game 4 on Saturday night, they Cup could hold a 1-0 lead, couldn’t score on a lengthy 5-on-3 in the third period, couldn’t get a goal from Sidney Crosby or Evgeni Malkin but did allow Detroit’s fourth line to score the decisive goal.

All that added up to a series-altering 2-1 loss that sent the Penguins back to Detroit with no promise they’ll play another game in Pittsburgh that counts until October.

“I really believe that, if we play our game, we’ve got a great chance to win. … When you’re facing that point (elimination), sometimes it brings out the best in you,” Crosby said. ALAN ROBINSON (AP)

Star Pittsburgh forward Evgeni Malkin couldn’t score on Saturday, and the Penguins squandered a 1-0 lead. Now, they must win three straight against Detroit.
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Manny Hits No. 501
In 9-4 Win Over O’s

ORIOLES | Manny Ramirez hit his 501st home run, Mike Lowell and J.D. Drew also connected, and the Boston Red Sox continued their hitting revival at the expense of the Baltimore Orioles in a 9-4 victory.

After becoming the 24th major leaguer to hit No. 500, Ramirez said Saturday night, “The next goal is 501.” He took care of that item of business in his third at-bat, driving a 1-0 pitch from Brian Burres into the right-field seats to put Boston up 6-3 in the fourth inning.

Lowell homered two pitches later, and the Red Sox were on their way to making it three straight wins over the skidding Orioles. Boston on Monday will seek its first four-game sweep in Baltimore since 2002.

Drew, who missed two straight starts because of vertigo, had two hits and three RBIs. Jason Ellsbury had three hits and a stolen base, his seventh steal in the series.

Any chance Baltimore had at a comeback was thwarted by Boston’s solid defensive play. In the sixth inning, second baseman Dustin Pedroia dived to his right to snare a grounder before getting to one knee and throwing out Jay Payton.

Cowan, Lamper, and Weitzel

Elijah Dukes talks with the umpire after striking out on a called third strike to end the game on Sunday. The Nationals failed to score a run for the second straight day.

For the 2nd straight day, Washington is blanked by Arizona

NATIONALS | Dan Haren picked up where Brandon Webb left off.

One day after Webb shut out Washington, Haren tossed seven scoreless innings to lead the Arizona Diamondbacks to a 5-0 victory over the Nationals on Sunday.

Haren (6-4) helped the Diamondbacks post back-to-back shutouts for the first time since May 26-27, 2006, at Cincinnati. Webb beat the Nationals 4-0 on Saturday to snap Arizona’s five-game losing streak.

“Webby came out yesterday and did what an ace is supposed to do,” Haren said. “He came out and set the tone.”

Orlando Hudson’s three-run homer, his second in three days and sixth of the season, gave Haren all the support he would need in the first inning. Haren gave up four hits, walked three and struck out five.

Relievers Chad Qualls and Tony Pena each got three outs to finish off the four-hitter.

This is exactly what the Diamondbacks expected when they acquired Haren from Oakland in a trade last winter, giving their rotation a formidable 1-2 punch.

The Diamondbacks jumped on Shawn Hill (0-2) in the first. After leadoff man Stephen Drew and Chris Young singled, Hudson lined a 1-1 pitch 385 feet over the right-field fence. Hill went four innings, his shortest outing of the season, allowing five runs.

“Three batters in, three runs down,” Hill said. “That’s my fault entirely, so it’s completely unacceptable.” ANDREW BAGNATO (AP)
Ainge Is Pride of Celtics

GM began rebuilding the franchise long before last year’s draft

NBA FINALS | This is not how the Celtics planned to get back to the NBA finals.

Boston’s franchise saw its luck run out again in the draft lottery last year, coming up with the worst pick and no shot at the megastars slotted 1-2. What the Celtics couldn’t know at the time was that it was the best thing that could have happened.

“Everybody wants to talk about the overnight success, but I think that this was five years in the making,” co-owner Steve Pagliuca said. “The plan was to draft well, build up chips and build this into a championship team. We had the pieces, and we thought something good was going to happen — this year, next year.”

With two potential franchise players at the top of last year’s draft, Greg Oden and Kevin Durant, the Celtics seemed to be in a good position to pick up a key part of their turnaround. But big man Al Jefferson for Kevin Garnett, but Garnett didn’t want to come to a losing team. So, Ainge sent the first-round pick — which, other than Paul Pierce, was his most valuable commodity — to Seattle in a package for Ray Allen.

Suddenly, Garnett was interested. Ainge picked him up from the Timberwolves in an unprecedented 7-for-1 deal.

The owners are effusive in their praise for Ainge — not just for making big trades, but also for drafting the “chips” that he cashed in for the all-stars. Without picks such as Al Jefferson (15th overall), Gerald Green (18th), Delonte West (24th) and Ryan Gomes (20th in the second round), they wouldn’t have been able to acquire Garnett.

“Our strategy was to try to hit the longball, to win a championship, not to sign some midlevel players and get into the playoffs. We had to have the patience to build those chips up,” Pagliuca said. “We recognized that time was an asset for us.”

Celtics GM Danny Ainge tried to trade the No. 5 pick and developing half of the 400-mile race Sunday at Dover International Speedway and racing to his Sprint Cup series best fourth win of the season. Busch made it 10 victories total this season, including two in the Craftman Truck Series and four in the Nationwide Series. He won for the third time in the last five Cup races.

Roush Fenway Racing teammates Carl Edwards and Greg Biffle were second and third, respectively, in the Best Buy 400.

SUNNY SIDE UP

The number of years since a non-Italian last won the Giro d’Italia. Spanish cyclist Alberto Contador won the 2,128-mile race on Sunday by 1 minute, 57 seconds over Italian Riccardo Ricco.

Sports

Busch Wins 10th Race of the Year

AUTO RACING | Kyle Busch revels in his role as NASCAR’s villain. He enjoys his role as the top driver so much more.

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Arenas Will Still Opt Out

Wizards guard says he will wait until June 30 to make it official

WIZARDS’ Gilbert Arenas, who was cleared to begin rehabilitating his surgically repaired left knee over the weekend, still plans on opting out of the final year of his contract with the Washington Wizards in order to become an unrestricted free agent but doesn’t plan to file the necessary paperwork with the league office any sooner than the June 30 deadline.

The free agency period opens July 1, and Arenas has until June 30 to opt out of a deal that would pay him $12.8 million with the Wizards next season. On Sunday, via text message, he revealed his plan to wait until the final day before deciding.

When asked why he planned on waiting until June 30, Arenas wrote, “I just want to wait.”

Arenas expects to make a full recovery by the time training camp opens in October. On Sunday, he wrote that he has followed his plan so far: traveling and spending time with his family when he might otherwise be in the gym working on his game.

“Everything feels good now,” he wrote. “I have to get it strong this month.”

Arenas has expressed a desire to sign a maximum level contract with the Wizards, one that could cover up to six years and earn him more than $100 million. The three-time all-star guard does not have an agent and plans on representing himself in negotiations. However, Arenas has also said that he would be willing to take less if that would allow the Wizards to retain unrestricted free agent forward Antawn Jamison, an all-star who has been a Wizard since 2004.

Wizards President Ernie Grunfeld has consistently stated he intends to retain Arenas and Jamison, who, along with all-star Caron Butler, have helped form the core of a team that has made the playoffs four straight seasons.

Wizards (The Washington Post)

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Jack Black plays a furry version of himself in ‘Kung Fu’

UNLIKELY HERO | Finding his inner panda was not too much of a stretch for Jack Black. All it took was finding the essence of his inner Jack.

With Black providing the lead voice, the animated comedy “Kung Fu Panda” spins the tale of an unlikely savior who finds that becoming the best version of himself is the true hero’s path.

For Black’s Po the panda, a tubby behemoth destined to become a martial-arts master, that meant playing on his strengths, such as using food as an incentive to learn his own variation of kung fu moves. For chubby funnyman Black, the unlikely transition from character roles to leading man required a similar effort to define his own voice and persona on screen.

Before his breakout role as a condescending record-shop clerk in “High Fidelity,” he had been more of a mimic than an actor, Black said. His side gig as a member of the music duo Tenacious D changed that.

“I was always trying to kind of imitate the actors that I liked. I was always kind of just doing what I thought the great actors would do,” Black said in an interview at the Cannes Film Festival. “And then I found my own voice when I wrote songs and sketches for Tenacious D. I was just being me. I wasn’t trying to be somebody else, like John Malkovich or whoever my favorite actor was at the time. And that came through with ‘High Fidelity’ for the first time. It was just me doing my thing.”

Black, 36, previously dabbled in animation as a tiger in “Ice Age” and a vegetarian shark in “Shark Tale,” the latter played as “kind of a nebbishy New Yorker, Woody Allen-type,” he recalled. For “Kung Fu Panda,” DreamWorks Animation boss Jeffrey Katzenberg wanted the real Black — his own voice, his own personality.

“In a way, I feel like this is the most satisfied I’ve been with a role,” Black said. “Where a lot of times, on most movies, I have a lot of leftover stuff that I didn’t feel I totally nailed as much as I wanted to. I had no regrets on this one, though.”

After stealing all his scenes in “High Fidelity,” Black grabbed lead roles in such films as “Shallow Hal,” “The School of Rock,” “Nacho Libre” and “King Kong.”

“I would definitely have been satisfied if I could have a career character-actor trajectory,” Black said. “Even when I was doing ‘High Fidelity,’ I wasn’t thinking, ‘Oh, this could be a great stepping-stone to getting the lead role in feature films.’ That was never the goal. Those doors just sort of opened after ‘High Fidelity,’ which was great but definitely beyond my dreams,” David Germain (AP)

First Among Second Bananas

Harvey Korman may not have been a star, but he always shined

Supporting | In comedy as in dance, there is an art to partnering: It takes strength and grace, a willingness to step back to blend. It is harder than it is supposed to look. Harvey Korman, who died Thursday at the age of 81, made a career out of helping other people look good.

The very definition of a supporting actor, he won four Emmys (out of six nominations) and a Golden Globe (out of four) not drawing attention to himself.

Playing opposite the long-limbed and explosive Carol Burnett, on whose “The Carol Burnett Show” he spent a decade, he was an anchor. The oldest member of the ensemble, he was its authority figure.

Indeed, he seemed to carry the history of Hollywood around inside him, like a one-man Central Casting. This served him well in the films he made for Mel Brooks, the other pillar on which his reputation rests — “Blazing Saddles,” “High Anxiety” and “History of the World, Part I.”

In 1978, he starred in “The Harvey Korman Show,” which did not last long. He was not meant to stand out in front, but rather shoulder to shoulder. In his 70s, he toured a stage show, “Tim Conway and Harvey Korman: Together Again” — a partner first and last. Robert Lloyd (Los Angeles Times)
David Sedaris’ new book meanders but delivers some gems

Autobiographical! For years, David Sedaris has written so many wry and sometimes wacky stories about his life that any long-time fan might certainly ask: C’mom, how much of this really happened?

That question came to the fore last year, when an article in the New Republic said his nonfiction sometimes goes beyond exaggeration to outright fabrication.

So, before you plunge into the 22 essays in his new book, “When You Are Engulfed in Flames” — most republished from elsewhere — you might check out the author’s note:

“The events described in these stories,” it says, “are realish.

Huh?

“That’s a good word,” Sedaris told the Christian Science Monitor recently, “I guess I’ve always thought that if 97 percent of the story is true, then that’s an acceptable formula.”

So, be warned. And then prepare to laugh. Whether these stories really meet the 97 percent benchmark or not, they’re a pleasure to read and funny. Or, at least, funnyish.

We read Sedaris’ innermost thoughts as he deals with air- seat mates who are hostile, or crying uncontrollably, or surprisingly foul-mouthed (“It was as if they’d kidnapped the grandparents from a Ralph Lauren ad and forced them into a David Mamet play”).

Some of these essays meander through time and topics like the streets of Venice, Italy, which Sedaris says were seemingly designed by ants. And some work better than others. His 2006 Baccalaureate address at Princeton University, relating over-the-top stories about his life on campus, is just a little too silly.

But Sedaris’ fans will forgive him the occasional disappointment in this, his sixth book. And first-timers will easily see what has made him a best-selling humorist, if not a strict historian.

“People aren’t buying my books for looking up [at personal appearances] because they think every word is true,” Sedaris told Newsday last year. “They’re showing up because they want to laugh.”

This book will meet that goal. Honest. Malcolm Ritter (AP)
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“I thought it could be a good idea to deal on an important occasion with a subject that involves not only Italy but the world,” Battistelli said.

The opera will be told through characters and not a narrator, he said. He plans to include the figure of the former U.S. vice president in the story, colleen bryan (AP)

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Return to ‘Mole’
Reality show gets new life, but no new twists or surprises

COMPETITION: After a four-year hiatus, ABC dusts off THE Mole (10 p.m., ABC) for a fifth season. This arrives just one night after CBS exhumed “Password” for prime time.

For those who don’t remember, ‘The Mole’ unfolds like “Survivor” with a traitor in the ranks. Players must compete in games of strength and skill but keep their eyes on the one player they believe is the mole in the midst of sabotage their ability to win prizes. At the end of each of the 10 episodes, the player who is able to answer the fewest questions about the “mole” is eliminated, or “executed,” in the charming terminology of the game.

Viewers may recall that after two installments of “The Mole,” the game gave way to “Celebrity Mole,” a lower-circle of has-been Hades that “D-list” star Kathy Griffin (“Celebrity Mole: Hawaii”) has long since turned into stand-up fodder. But not all “Mole” veterans have become punch lines. The first American installment of “Celebrity Mole” was hosted by Anderson Cooper, now a fixture of “serious” TV journalism over at CNN. KEVIN McDOUGALL (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

THE WAIT IS THE WORST: Contestants on “The Mole” await judgment.

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Flavors of Africa

Once limited mostly to immigrant enclaves, the robust flavors of African cuisines recently have begun following the trajectories of Italian, Latin, Asian and Middle Eastern foods — themselves once foreign flavors here.

"It's one of the last frontiers," says Kemp Minifie, executive food editor at Gourmet magazine. "As there is more awareness and more learning about Africa and that it isn't just one cuisine, there will be more restaurants doing it."

Americans' appetite for newer, bolder flavors paired with foreign travel and awareness of global issues have made for easy incorporation of African flavors into new markets. Until recently, for example, the editors at Food & Wine magazine felt it necessary to suggest substitutes whenever a recipe called for harissa, a spicy sauce from Tunisia. Today it is common enough to stand on its own.

The cuisines of several African nations in particular seem to be benefiting. According to a recent survey by consumer research firm Packaged Facts, Moroccan, Tunisian, Algerian and Egyptian foods are especially poised to gain wider appeal.

In some parts of the country — Washington, Minneapolis, New York and Chicago — the trend is helped by large immigrant communities of Ethiopians and Somalis, says food consultant Elaine Tecklenburg, who authored the report.

There also has been an influx of African refugees, many of them settling in rural areas and creating a demand for foods from home.

Census figures show more than a million African-born refugees and immigrants were living in the U.S. in 2002, more than double the number from a decade earlier.

It also helps that Americans are finding the flavor profile of many African cuisines — hot, spicy and sweet — approachable, in part because it's a trio found in other already popular cuisines, such as Hispanic, Peruvian and Somali.
South of the Border Sips

Drinks

Brews from Mexico quench Americans’ thirst for light beer

No doubt there once existed a truly Mexican style of beer, brewed in a tradition that, through centuries of trial and error, fine-tuned indigenous ingredients and local conditions into perfect harmony.

Unfortunately, we’ll never taste it.

Each and every invading force, from the Spanish conquistadors to Maximilian, apparently decided they could do better than what the locals were pouring. And perhaps as a result, we’ve been left with a grafting of someone else’s beer preference onto climate, soil and water conditions that never quite suited it.

European-style pilseners. American-style lagers. All of it made in Mexico — none of it really “from” there.

Mexican beers are so popular that American companies now sell similar brews.

So what? Stick a lime in it and drink up, amigo. Your average beer snob is not shopping for a sixer south of the border, anyway.

“Corona, Modelo, Sol, Dos Equis — these aren’t the world’s great lagers... They’re more for what you associate them with,” says Christina Perozzi, who, as a beer sommelier at Rustic Canyon restaurant in Santa Monica, Calif., and author of the beer blog BeerChicks.com, qualifies as a bona fide beer snob if anyone does.

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CHRISTINA PEROZZI, BEER SOMMELIER

Not that there’s anything wrong with that.

The best-selling import beer in the U.S., by far, is Corona Extra. Its far-trailing Mexican competitors — Modelo, Tecate, Pacifico — all have reported growth during the past five years. So has Dos Equis, which recently launched a massive new nationwide marketing campaign.

Mexico’s beers are moving so consistently well here that even domestic beer giants Miller and Anheuser Busch took a shot at the growing market this year with citrus- and salt-flavored offerings Miller Chill and Bud Light Lime.

These may not be aromatic Ore-

gon microbrews or German beer-law adherents, but they’re consistent in one way, at least — each is light, low in alcohol and decidedly unassuming, always agreeable on a summer’s day.

And while each has built-in brand recognition among the roving Hispanic population, their target drinkers, for the most part, are American-born.

One trend that Mexican brewers have left largely unplumbed: the previous decade’s explosion of craft beer. A precious few microbrewers have sprung up in Mexico, and none has yet gained a significant foothold in the U.S.

Perozzi, whose mind is a virtual database of exotic beers from around the world, struggles to think of one.

After a moment’s pause: “I’ve had the Tijuana beer, and that’s really good,” she says. “They make something like an American amber. The Tijuana Morena, that’s it.”

She also cops to an affinity for Negro Modelo, the darkened cousin to the No. 2 best-selling Mexican beer, Modelo Especial.

“It’s the only one that has some toothiness to it,” she says. “It has a better balance than the lagers,” which always seem to be overpowering by minerality.

GOSH! DICKET (AP)
Runway Hits Roadway

Meet the Bugatti Veyron Fbg par Hermes, a $2.4 million, 253 mph, 1,001 horsepower hypercar, a collaboration between Bugatti and Hermes’ elves on the Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honore.

Go ahead and inhale the excess: the two-tone, ebony-and-brick bull calf skin interior; the saddle-stitched steering wheel (requiring 30 hours of handwork); the wheel locks branded with the signature H; the door handles borrowed from an Hermes valise; an Hermes wallet fitted to the glove box; and special luggage for the trunk.

Unveiled at Geneva’s auto show in March, the Veyron par Hermes will be available by special order to no more than 15 customers worldwide by year’s end. Yet the wait is shorter than that for a Birkin bag.

The Veyron Fbg par Hermes is the latest and most lavish of a recent slew of low-volume fashion-auto-maker collaborations — Lamborghini and Versace; Cadillac and Bulgari; Mercedes-Benz and Armani; Alfa Romeo and Costume National — that celebrate the awesome power of rich people to get anything they want. Call it car-ture.

"Even with a car as special as the Veyron, some customers have expressed a wish for even greater personalization. The Hermes allows us to give it to them," says Alasdair Stewart, sales director for Bugatti.

You see, high net worth types have a problem. Some of the world’s most prestigious brands — Louis Vuitton, Cartier, Dior — have sunk into mass-class ubiquity, so it’s hard to tell who’s rich and who’s just overextendend. Another problem for the rich: There are just too many of them. In 1986, Forbes magazine identified 140 billionaires around the world. The 2008 survey listed 1,125 billionaires. The growing ranks of the ultra-wealthy puts pressure on prestige brands to be more exclusive. "These people say, ‘I want the best. I can afford the best. I want it to be mine, and ... I want people to know it,’" says Wes Brown, principal of the Los Angeles marketing research firm Iecology.

While the stock Lamborghini Murcielago LP640 might be fine for some people — mere millionaires — it’s a bit quaint for the extremely wealthy. If you’re one of these unfortunate, your luck is turning. Last year, Lamborghini offered the Versace Lamborghini Murcielago LP640 edition. The top-grain, vegetable-dyed leathers and stitched Greek fret motifs in the Lambo are the same used on Versace’s furniture.

"Brands are people," says Freeman Thomas, Ford’s director of design. "These designers, for better or worse, have tremendous authority," Dan Neil (Los Angeles Times).

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**Fresh Breeze**

Estee Lauder does what it does very well. It’s been making variations of its PURE WHITE LINEN fragrance ($35, EsteeLauder.com) since it premiered in 1978, and it’s not musty yet. It’s classic and lovely, in a Park Avenue sort of way. There are hints of grapefruit and ginger that fade into a gentle cedar scent, with just a hint of freshly printed money. This is a perfume for classy women — or those who just want to smell classy. Estee Lauder has added a few fun elements to its traditional scent, perhaps to cash in on the funky fashion sense that will have overtaken women drunk on the shopping montages of “Sex and the City: The Movie.” But the fragrance can’t really change its stripes. Luckily, it was nice to begin with. R.Z.
What are you up to today? Oh, that’s interesting. What am I up to? Oh, I’m just getting married.”

BANDCROWD.BLOGSPOT.COM APPARENTLY WAS BLOGGING ON HIS WEDDING DAY SUNDAY, ADDING, “I WISH I WERE THAT CALM RIGHT NOW AND COULD BE SO NO-HUM ABOUT WHAT’S GOING TO TRANSPIRE IN A FEW HOURS.”

“I JUST BOUGHT SOME songs off of iTunes to accompany me on an upcoming business trip. One of them was “Goonies ‘R’ Good Enough” by Cyndi Lauper. What have I done?”

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While defending himself against your charges in an interview on FOX, Karl Rove said your claims demonstrated just how out of the loop you were on important decisions. Did you consider yourself out of the loop?

In the book, I discuss this very sentiment that existed among some Bush advisers. I participated in many presidential meetings. But this White House has been too secretive and too compartmentalized. The book covers this in pretty good detail.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:
Eric Weiss and Lena H. Sun
answer your transportation questions and share the drama of getting around at 1 a.m.
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“Once a final delegate push brings Obama over the magic number, even Clinton will respect that. That’s when she’ll become syrupy sweet in an attempt to win the veepstakes.”

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It’s essential that you respect others—particularly those in positions of authority—by following the rules and being on time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone may be out to stop you, but with a little fancy footwork, you should be able to get around any barriers and avoid serious obstacles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Though you may have lost touch with someone from your past, a distant voice will remind you that you’re always together in spirit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can lead a highly successful charge, despite all the doubts your critics have to offer. Teammates will prove loyal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You needn’t be so reserved that you leave others to wonder what you’re thinking, feeling or doing. There’s a good reason to let them in on things.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You’ll enjoy something unexpected that brightens your spirit and has you looking forward to things with greater enthusiasm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Buff up your appearance and strive to show off only the best of your character and ability. There are rewards to be won in this way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don’t give in prematurely. There is surely a challenge on the horizon, but you have what it takes to prevail if you put your mind to it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Follow others and you’ll realize that it’s not always necessary to lead or be on your own. You can be successful just tagging along.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Now is the time for you to take aggressive action to keep someone else from intruding on your own personal territory. Act fast.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Thanks to one of your most loyal supporters, you’ll be able to avoid something that could have proven your downfall. Show your gratitude.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There is no need to be unsympathetic toward someone who is less fortunate at this time than you are. You can offer valuable help.

Letters

‘Sex’ Question Offensive

I FOUND EXPRESS May 28 poll question, “Can women alone make the ‘Sex and the City’ movie a box office success?” sexist. Such a question would never be asked about the hyper-masculine films being released this year, such as “The Incredible Hulk” or “Indiana Jones.” The idea that a film that doesn’t include men in its target audience or is not centered on a male cannot be successful or that women who enjoy such films are lonely man-haters, as some of those who responded to the poll suggest) is completely baseless.

—CALISHA MYERS
Silver Spring, Md.

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Today in History

1897 Mark Twain, 61, is quoted by the New York Journal as saying from London that “the report of my death was an exaggeration.”

1941 Baseball’s “Iron Horse,” Lou Gehrig, dies in New York of a degenerative disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; he was 37.

1953 Queen Elizabeth II of Britain is crowned in Westminster Abbey, 16 months after the death of her father, King George VI.

1966 The U.S. space probe Surveyor 1 lands on the moon and begins transmitting detailed photographs of the lunar surface.

1979 Pope John Paul II arrives in his native Poland on the first visit by a pope to a communist country.
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CAMEOS

Charlie Sheen Appears On Page Twice in One Day

DEMI MOORE, ASHTON KUTCHER and several of their famous colleagues — including newlyweds Charlie Sheen and Brooke Mueller — spread their wings Saturday night at the exclusive Butterfly Ball fundraiser benefiting Chrysalis, a Los Angeles-based organization that helps homeless men and women find jobs and homes. “We love it, and we really believe in it,” Moore said before the event. (AP)

MINUTIAE

Singer’s Every Tiny Little Move Analyzed

AMY WINEHOUSE showed up almost an hour late for her first concert since leaving rehab, performing in front of 90,000 people Friday at a Lisbon music festival. She apologized for having a sore throat, and her voice cracked during the 55-minute set. Winehouse, wearing a short dress, appeared distracted during her performance. She paused to talk to members of her band, fiddled at length with her microphone, sucked throat candy and at one point dashed offstage but quickly returned. (AP)

400 Friends 4Ever

TOM CRUISE and KATIE HOLMES threw a housewarming party with more than 500 guests this weekend, E! Online reported. The pair, plus daughter Suri, moved into their reportedly $35 million Beverly Hills home recently. Reese Witherspoon, Jake Gyllenhaal, Prince, Oprah and Kirstie Alley reportedly were among those in attendance. Wolfgang Puck was the caterer. (EXPRESS)

WEIRD

CHRISSY TEIGEN was spotted sipping anxiously and then swallowing in the audience at the Rolling Stones concert at London’s O2 Arena Wednesday night. (AP)

ROMANTIC

Actor Prepares to Jettison Another Wife

The star of “Two and a Half Men” has moved on to marriage No. 3. CHARLIE SHEEN tied the knot with fiancée BROOKE MUELLER Friday night, said publicist Stan Rosenfeld, who declined to give more details. The 42-year-old actor and Mueller, a real estate investor, have been engaged since last summer. (AP)

FILLER

Happens to Us All the Time! With Nail Scissors, Anyway

Los Angeles County prosecutors won’t file felony charges against actor DENNIS FARINA for having a gun in his luggage at an airport earlier this month. Farina was arrested for investigation of carrying a concealed weapon. Jane Robison, a spokeswoman for the district attorney’s office, said Friday there wasn’t enough evidence to charge Farina with a felony. Farina has said he forgot the weapon was there. (AP)
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