



'Wall to Wall' sounds Chris Brown and more, 4D



Lohan saga continues Actress, 20, is suspected of DUI, 3D

grilled chicken and grilled vegetables for dinner: \$35 (no grilled anything on the dessert menu: priceless) MasterCard There are some things money can't buy... for everything else there's MasterCard!

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NBC to replace entertainment chief

NBC is expected to oust entertainment president Kevin Reilly and replace him with Ben Silverman, a producer whose credits include ABC's Ugly Betty and Showtime's The Tudors. Silverman, who runs Revolve Productions, could be named as early as today to oversee NBC's entertainment operations. Other credits include NBC's The Office, USA's Nashville Star and MTV's Dancin' My Way. Reilly, who signed a new three-year deal in February, would be out after four years at NBC. NBC is fourth in the ratings behind CBS, ABC and Fox.

Comics fans can bask in new 'Halo' glow

Marvel and Microsoft this summer are launching a second wave of comics based on the Xbox video game series Halo. Last year's successful Halo Graphic Novel featured a series of stories set in the Halo universe. This four-issue series chronicles what happens between the end of Halo 2 (released for Xbox in 2004) and the beginning of Halo 3, the Xbox 360 game due Sept. 25. The game's hero, the Master Chief, continues his fight against the invading Covenant. However, "You know the Covenant made it to Earth," says Marvel's Ruyuan Jiyatillelie.

"This is the story as the Covenant is invading and the struggle in one American city." The first issue (\$4) arrives in late July.

Streisand says arrivederci, Roma

Barbra Streisand canceled her concert in Rome next month amid protests by Italian consumer groups over what they said were excessively high ticket prices. Concert organizers said that production delays, not protests, had forced them to scrap the June 15 concert, which would have been the start of her European tour. Ticket prices ranged from just under \$200 to more than \$1,200. Streisand's website lists a June 18 concert in Zurich at the new kickoff for the tour.

'The View' starts life without Rosie

Even though Rosie O'Donnell's stormy tenure on The View is in the rearview mirror, it is still on her mind. O'Donnell, who was let out of her contract on Friday after last week's clash with co-host Elisabeth Hasselbeck, said on her video blog that Hasselbeck called and spoke to her partner, Kelli Carpenter. O'Donnell said she didn't speak with Hasselbeck and "probably won't," but they did exchange e-mails. The confrontation began Wednesday over O'Donnell's statements about the war in Iraq. She called Hasselbeck "cowardly" for not defending her against critics. During the argument, the director used a split screen of O'Donnell and Hasselbeck. O'Donnell said that when she saw the split screen, she "knew it was over" because that made the show look like The Jerry Springer Show.

A bus stop blossoms in Okla. City

A group of young architects, using Oklahoma City as their lab, have set out to build a more beautiful bus stop. ParkStop, by a four-person team from Columbia University, was chosen by online vote in an American Institute of Architects contest as one of its Blueprint for America projects designed to bring architects and the public together. The design features an angled wall and roof of sustainable wood and glass, grass on the roof and ground, a solar-powered display system, benches and even space for trees growing inside the stop. The mini-park-in-a-bus-stop is designed to be "a green atmosphere to enjoy a few moments of calmness," the designers say.



The bus stops here: The winning design promotes "calmness" with trees inside and grass inside and on top.

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Enter the Joker - in the IMAX format

'Batman' sequel is a first for film

By Scott Bowles USA TODAY

LOS ANGELES - All directors promise that their sequels will be bigger and flashier than the predecessors', but Christopher Nolan doesn't mess around.

The director's sequel to Batman Begins, The Dark Knight, will become the first feature film to be partly shot in the IMAX format, an expensive and cumbersome process that typically is the province of documentaries and short films. Nolan will shoot four action sequences - including the introduction of the Joker, played by Heath Ledger - on IMAX.

The movie is one of Hollywood's most pronounced steps



First look The Dark Knight Opens July 18, 2008

Character close-up: The scan of a frame shot with an IMAX camera.

yet in its embrace of IMAX theaters, which are increasingly showing commercial fare on their giant screens. "There's simply nothing like seeing a movie that way," Nolan says. "It's more immersive for the audience. I wish I could shoot the entire thing this way." Typically, the feature films



Big picture: Photography director Wally Pfister and an IMAX camera.

that play in IMAX theaters are simply stretched out to fill the enormous screens. That can dilute the picture quality and give the movie a wide, squat look. Shooting on IMAX, Nolan says, will have a twofold effect. The four scenes will fill the IMAX screens, some of which are eight stories high. And in traditional theaters, the scenes

will appear more vivid (think high-definition television over standard).

Don't expect many movies to follow suit. Only 280 IMAX theaters are in operation worldwide, and fewer than 100 show feature films.

And shooting in the format is difficult. IMAX film, which is 10 times the size of standard film

'Pirates' goes off like a cannon

But record \$156.1M falls short of Spidey

By Scott Bowles USA TODAY

Another weekend, another instant blockbuster. As expected, Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End crossed the \$100 million mark in its debut.

The question now is whether it can avoid the curse of the "threequel." Pirates took in \$156.1 million over the Memorial Day weekend, a record for the holiday, according to estimates from Nielsen EDI. But can it maintain momentum next week? Its big-budget predecessors this month, Spider-Man 3 and Sink the Bismarck! opened huge but saw precipitous drop-offs in ticket sales, losing more than half their business the following weekend.

"Certainly, it's big to have three movies open to more than \$100 million," says Gresh Pandyia of BoxOfficeGuru.com. "But these



Sweet sailing? Can Geoffrey Rush, left, and Johnny Depp keep the audiences coming?

don't have the word of mouth that the previous movies did. A lot of fans believe the "threequels" are the worst of the franchise." Pirates fell short of Spider-Man 3's record opening - Spider-Man took in \$151 million in its first three days, and Pirates earned \$115.1 million - but Pirates still set the Memorial Day weekend record by eclipsing



Life of fitness: Kornichele Taylor, 33, of Mobile, Ala., has lost 227 pounds. She became a personal trainer in December and works with client Robert Allen Tharpe Jr., 24, of Mobile on abdominal crunches using an exercise ball.



Dieters keep fat on the run

The secret is finding



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