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The President of the United States and Mrs. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Bush,

October 21st was a very special day for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation. We were deeply honored to have you here to dedicate our new Air Force One Pavilion. We thank you for making the long trip out to California. I know these trips are a great sacrifice of your limited time, and we are so grateful to you for your participation.

The Air Force One Pavilion will allow us to communicate President Reagan’s enduring commitment to global democracy and to teach the lessons of liberty to future generations. On behalf of Mrs. Reagan and all of us with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, please accept our heartfelt thanks.

I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you again soon either in Washington or at the Reagan Presidential Library.

With warm regards and high respect,

Sincerely,

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President Bush Taking Action to Strengthen America's Economy

Chicago, Illinois

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very much. It's a windy day out there, which is -- (laughter) -- a good day for a windy speaker. (Laughter.) I'm honored to be your guest here at the Economic Club of Chicago. I want to thank Michael for the invitation. I like a short introduction; he didn't let me down. (Laughter.)

For 75 years, the business leaders and the entrepreneurs in the club have helped make Chicago a prosperous and energetic city. You understand the concerns facing American workers and employers -- and you believe, as I do, that we must address those concerns honestly and aggressively.

Today in Washington, a new Congress convenes -- and I will ask members of both parties to work with me to secure our economic future. We cannot be satisfied until every part of our economy is healthy and vigorous. We will not rest until every business has a chance to grow, and every person who wants to find work can find a job. So today, I'm announcing a growth and jobs plan to strengthen America's economy -- specific proposals to increase the momentum of our economic recovery.

And this is a good city to give it in. This is one of America's great cities. And one of the reasons why is because you have a great Mayor in Richard Daley. (Applause.) We're from different political parties, but we have some things in common: We both married above ourselves. (Laughter.) It is good to see the First Lady of Chicago here. Thank you for coming. (Applause.) We both have famous and influential brothers. (Laughter.) Our dads spent a little time in politics. (Laughter.) And we love our country more than we love our political parties. (Applause)

The thing I like most about the Mayor is he gets the job done for the people of Chicago. And, Mr. Mayor, I'm proud to call you friend. (Applause.)

And I want to thank another proud son of Chicago, Rod Blagojevich, for being with us today, as well. He's soon to have the second best job in America, being a governor. I congratulate him on his election. I look forward to working with him for the good of Illinois and for the good of our country. Thank you for coming, Governor-elect. I appreciate you being here. (Applause.)

I flew in today with the Senator from Illinois, Peter Fitzgerald. I appreciate his leadership; I appreciate his friendship. And as we speak, the Senate is debating the Fitzgerald bill which will extend unemployment benefits to those who are looking for work in America. And, Peter, I want to thank you for your leadership on this important issue. (Applause.)

And on that very same airplane was traveling with me Steve Friedman, who is the new Director of the National Economic Council. I'm honored that such a respected economic leader has agreed to join my administration. I appreciate the fact that he's willing to take time away from a comfortable private life to serve our country. He is a strong addition to a great economic team, and I want to thank him for his willingness to serve America. Thank you.
for coming, Steve. (Applause.)

I've also named two other good people to join this team. John Snow is my nominee to serve as the Secretary of Treasury. Bill Donaldson is my nominee to be the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. They will fill essential positions in my administration, and I urge the Congress to confirm them quickly.

As the new Congress meets today, our duties to this nation are clear. We have a responsibility to meet great dangers to our country, wherever they gather. We will continue to hunt down the terrorists all across the world. Cell by cell, we are disrupting their plans. One by one, we're showing these merciless killers the meaning of justice.

We're also confronting the outlaw regime in Iraq that lives by violence and deception, and is arming to threaten the civilized world. The world's demands are clear: For the sake of peace, Saddam Hussein must disarm himself of all weapons of mass destruction, and prove that he has done so. Should he choose the other course, in the name of peace, the United States will lead a coalition of the willing to disarm the Iraqi regime of weapons of mass destruction and free the Iraqi people. (Applause.)

And we're dealing with North Korea, as well. It's a regime that has expelled international inspectors and is attempting to defy the world through its nuclear weapons program. The United States and other nations will confront this threat, as well. In this case, I believe that by working with countries in the region, diplomacy will work. We have no aggressive intent, no argument with the North Korean people. We're interested in peace on the Korean Peninsula.

As we deal with the dangers of our time, different circumstances require different strategies. Yet our resolve in each case will be clear: We will not permit any regime to threaten the freedom and security of the American people, or our allies and friends around the world. (Applause.)

Even as we confront these dangers, you need to know I know we have needs here at home, especially the need for a vigorous and growing economy. Too many Americans today are wondering about our economy. They're asking, how is the economy really doing? Well, the American economy is the strongest and most resilient economy in the world. In spite of the terrible shocks that our nation has received, our economy is growing -- and the entrepreneurial spirit in America is strong.

We've made great progress these past two years. Remember, in the summer of 2000, during the presidential campaign, the market had started on a steady decline. Job growth started to dwindle. The economy had begun to slow. When I took office, the signs of recession were real.

So I worked with the United States Congress to reduce income taxes for everyone who pays them -- more than 100 million individuals, families, and sole proprietors; received tax relief. This tax relief was the largest in a generation, and it gave the economy a boost just at the right time, ensuring that the recession was one of the shortest and shallowest in modern American history.

Americans should be able to count on those tax cuts as they plan their financial futures. So I will continue to press the Congress to make these tax cuts, including the end of the death tax, permanent. (Applause.) We know that tax cuts worked, and Americans deserve to know their tax cuts will not be taken away. (Applause.)

We faced a second test with the attacks of September the 11th, 2001. These attacks caused terrible suffering, and a massive disruption of the economy. Flights were canceled. Many hotels and stores were empty. Stock trading was halted for nearly a week. So we acted -- we reopened the markets; we helped the people of New York City recover; we assisted the airlines; we provided tax incentives for business investment; and we passed terrorism insurance, so building and real estate projects could go forward.

And then our economy was tested a third time, when Americans discovered serious abuses of trust by some corporate leaders. So we passed historic reforms to assure corporate integrity, to punish wrongdoers, and defend the interests of workers and investors. Corporate greed and malfeasance cause innocent people to lose their jobs, their savings, and often their confidence in the American system. For the sake of justice, and for the sake of every honest business in America, I have made this my commitment: Corporate misdeeds will be investigated; they will be prosecuted; and they will be punished. (Applause.)
We have met the tests before us because the American people have worked hard through difficult times. And now our country has entered its second year of economic growth. Our trade with other nations is expanding, bringing lower prices that come from imports, and better jobs that come from exports. More Americans are buying and building houses -- a central part of the American Dream. The homeownership rate is now 68 percent, close to the highest ever. Low interest rates have allowed Americans to tap the rising value of their homes. In 2002, refinancings added more than $100 billion to American pocketbooks, money that helped renovate homes, or pay off debt, or cover tuition, or purchase other goods.

The most important indicator of our economic strength is the growing skill and efficiency of the American worker. The productivity of American workers went up by 5.6 percent over the last four quarters for which we have data, the best increase since 1973. As productivity rises, so do wages, and our standard of living. Nationwide, incomes are rising faster than inflation.

We have the most productive, creative and promising economic system the world has ever seen. (Applause.) America sets the standard for scientific research, engineering skill and medical innovation. Our companies and universities attract talent from every single continent. Investors from around the world know America is the safest place to put their money. People around the world who search for a better life still dream of working and living in the United States of America. (Applause.)

All these conditions create a platform for long-term growth and prosperity. Yet, in spite of successes, we have more work to do, because too many of our citizens who want to work cannot find a job. And many employers lack the confidence to invest and create new jobs.

We can help assure greater success tomorrow with the policies we choose today. Now, these policies must recognize that our $10-trillion economy is sustained by the labor and enterprise of the American people. Government spends a lot of money, but it doesn't build factories, it doesn't invest in companies, or do the work that makes the economy go. The role of government is not to manage or control the economy from Washington, D.C., but to remove obstacles standing in the way for faster economic growth. That's our role. (Applause.)

And those obstacles are clear. Many jobs are lost in America because government imposes unreasonable regulations, and many jobs are lost because the lawsuit culture of this country imposes unreasonable costs. (Applause.)

I will continue to press for legal and regulatory reform. But today -- today I want to talk about these concerns. Americans carry a heavy burden of taxes and debt that could slow consumer spending. I'm troubled by that. I'm also troubled by the fact that our tax system unfairly penalizes some productive investments. And I worry about people who are out of work; they need our help, both in short-term benefits and long-term opportunity. By directly confronting each of these challenges, we can preserve the hard-won gains our economy has made and advance toward greater prosperity.

Our first challenge is to allow Americans to keep more of their money so they can spend and save and invest -- the millions of individual decisions that support the market, that support business, and help create jobs.

Consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of our economy. It has been the driving force of our recovery. Yet there are warning signs I won't ignore, and I hope the Congress doesn't ignore either. Many Americans live in constant and increasing personal debt, with credit card bills so heavy they often cannot pay much more than the monthly minimum. Millions of citizens spend their entire adult lives living paycheck-to-paycheck, never getting a chance to save for their children's education or their own retirement. Americans today are paying about a third of their income in taxes. All of this puts pressure on family budgets, and therefore clouds our economic future.

Americans facing these struggles are due to receive additional tax relief in 2004, and again in 2006. Republicans and Democrats in Congress already approved these rate reductions. And the time to deliver the tax rate reduction is now, when they can do the most good for the American businesses. (Applause.)

For the sake of economic vitality, I'm asking Congress to make all the tax rate reductions effective this year. (Applause.) The tax cuts should be retroactive to January 1st. (Applause.) Upon passage I'll order the Treasury Department to immediately adjust the amount of money withheld for income taxes, so that Americans will keep more of their paychecks right away. (Applause.) By speeding up the income tax cuts, we will speed economic
recovery and the pace of job creation. If tax relief is good enough for Americans three years from now, it is good enough for Americans today. (Applause.)

An additional beneficiary of this tax cut will be small businesses. About 30 million Americans include small business income when they file their individual tax returns with the IRS. Faster tax relief will help these businesses to expand sooner, to hire new people faster, and to build a stronger foundation for the recovery.

We also know that middle-income families need additional relief. So today I'm asking Congress to speed up three other tax reductions promised in 2001 -- tax reductions that will help our middle-income families. Instead of slowly reducing the marriage penalty until 2009, we should do it now, to help 35 million married couples. Instead of waiting until 2008 to move more taxpayers from the 15 percent bracket to the lowest bracket of 10 percent, we should make that change now and help 2 million working Americans. And instead of gradually raising the child tax credit from $600 to $1,000 per child by the year of 2010, for the benefit of 26 million families, we should raise it now. (Applause.)

These tax reductions will bring real and immediate benefits to middle-income Americans. Ninety-two million Americans will keep an average of $1,083 more of their own money. A family of four with two earners and $39,000 in income will receive more than $1,100 in tax relief -- real money to help pay the bills and push the economy forward. And the sooner Congress acts, the sooner the help will come. (Applause.)

Taken together, these income tax cuts will put an additional $70 billion to work in the private economy over the next 18 months. And there's no better way to help our economy grow than to leave more money in the hands of the men and women who earned it.

**Our second challenge is to encourage greater investment by individuals and small business -- the kind of investing that builds personal wealth and helps companies expand and creates new jobs.**

We are increasingly a nation of owners, who invest for retirement and the other financial challenges of life. One-half of American households own stock, either directly or through pension funds. And we have an obligation to make sure -- now more than ever -- that American investors are treated fairly.

We can begin by treating investors fairly and equally in our tax laws. As it is now, many investments are taxed not once, but twice. First, the IRS taxes a company on its profit. Then it taxes the investors who receive the profits as dividends. The result of this double taxation is that for all the profit a company earns, shareholders who receive dividends keep as little as 40 cents on the dollar.

**Double taxation is bad for our economy. Double taxation is wrong.** Double taxation falls especially hard on retired people. About half of all dividend income goes to America's seniors, and they often rely on those checks for a steady source of income in their retirement.

It's fair to tax a company's profits. It's not fair to double-tax by taxing the shareholder on the same profits. So today, for the good of our senior citizens, and to support capital formation across the land, I'm asking the United States Congress to abolish the double taxation of dividends. (Applause.)

The benefits of this tax relief will be felt throughout the economy. Abolishing double taxation of dividends will leave nearly 35 million Americans with more of their own money to spend and invest, which will promote savings and return as much as $20 billion this year to the private economy.

By ending this investment penalty we will strengthen investor confidence. See, by ending double taxation of dividends, we will increase the return on investing, which will draw more money into the markets to provide capital to build factories, to buy equipment, hire more people.

We must also encourage the investments that help turn small businesses into larger ones. Small businesses create the majority of new jobs in America, and they account for half the output of the economy. Currently, tax law permits small firms to write off as expenses up to $25,000 worth of equipment -- like computers or machinery that they need. I'm asking the Congress to raise that limit to $75,000 and index that number for inflation. This change, together with the faster rate reductions, will benefit more than 18 million small business owners. My view is this
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economy can thrive only if our small businesses thrive. And we will provide them every incentive to grow and create more jobs.

A third challenge facing our country is the need to help unemployed workers and prepare them for the new jobs of a growing economy. The unemployment rate today is 6 percent. That's low for an economy coming out of recession; it's higher than it should be -- and the unemployment rate is projected to rise even further in the short run.

This hardship is concentrated in certain regions and in certain industries. Manufacturing jobs have declined for 28 months in a row. You know what I'm talking about here in the Midwest. You're showing signs of recovery here, yet many people here and across this country are still looking for work.

A woman in Arkansas tells a typical story. She talked about the fact that her husband was laid off from his job at a local steel mill. And both she and the husband have been looking for a job for quite a while. Here's what she said: "There's just nothing for me to find. We're trying to save up what little money we have and move to another community and look for jobs there." Got to be worried about those kind of stories here in America. As we encourage long-term growth, we will not forget the men and women who are struggling today.

Close to 70,000 workers each week exhaust their unemployment benefits -- and we have an obligation to help our fellow citizens. So I'm asking this new Congress to extend unemployment benefits that expired on December the 28th. And the benefits Congress approves should be retroactive, like the Fitzgerald bill, so that people who lost their benefits last month can receive their benefits in full. Helping America's unemployed workers should be a first order of business in the new Congress -- and it looks like it's going to be.

We must be more creative when we help those who have the hardest time finding work. To encourage innovation and more choices, and to help those who are out of work find the dignity of a new job, today, I'm unveiling a new approach to helping unemployed Americans through Personal Re-employment Accounts. Under this new program, Americans who face the greatest difficulties in finding work will receive up to $3,000 to use in their job search. They will have great flexibility in how they use that money. A person with a Re-Employment Account will be able to decide whether to use the funds for job training, or child care, or transportation, or even to cover the costs of relocating to another city for a new job. If the job is obtained quickly -- within 13 weeks -- the worker will be able to keep the cash balance as a "Re-employment bonus."

As we see new economic growth, we will need well-trained workers to fill new jobs. So I'm going to ask the Congress to provide $3.6 billion to the states to pay for the Re-Employment accounts -- enough money to help more than a million unemployed men and women across America. In order to strengthen this economy in the future, we must help these Americans today.

The jobs and growth proposals I've outlined today are a focused plan to encourage consumer spending, to promote small business growth, to boost confidence in our markets, and to give critical help to unemployed citizens. Overall, this growth package will reduce the tax burden of Americans by $98 billion this year and $670 billion over the next decade. I proposed a bold plan because the need for this plan is urgent, and I urge the Congress to act swiftly and pass this bill. (Applause.)

Our nation has seen two years of serious and steady challenges. The recession and the decline in the stock market slowed earnings and cut into tax revenues and created a budget deficit. And in this time of war, I can assure you this government is spending what is necessary to win the war. (Applause.) But the Congress must also understand this: The American people deserve and expect spending discipline in Washington, D.C. (Applause.) With spending discipline and with pro-growth policies, we will expand the economy and help bring down this deficit.

This growth and jobs package is essential in the short run; it's an immediate boost to the economy. And these proposals will help stimulate investment and put more people back to work, is what we want to have happen. They are essential for the long run, as well -- to lay the groundwork for future growth and future prosperity. That growth will bring the added benefit of higher revenues for the government -- revenues that will keep tax rates low, while fulfilling key obligations and protecting programs such as Medicare and Social Security.

We're meeting the challenges to America. We're strengthening our economy, and we're taking a battle to our
enemies. And we're not going to leave our work half-finished. In the months ahead, we'll confront every threat to the safety and security of the American people. We'll press on to turn our recovery into lasting growth and opportunity that reaches every corner of America. By the courage and by the enterprise of the American people, this great nation will prosper. And there's no doubt in my mind this great nation we'll prevail.

May God bless you all, and may God bless America. (Applause.)

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Sunday: Mostly cloudy. Winds south at 3 to 6 knots. Low 29°F. High 49°F.

Monday: Mostly cloudy with patchy morning fog and widely isolated rain showers. Winds southwest at 12 to 18 knots becoming northwest at 8 to 12 knots after sunset. Low 37°F. High 54°F.

Tuesday: Partly to mostly cloudy. Winds northwest at 3 to 6 knots. Low 38°F. High 49°F.

CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND

Friday: Mostly cloudy with widely isolated early morning and overnight snow flurries. Winds northwest at 12 to 18 knots gusting to 22 knots. Low 35°F. High 38°F.

Saturday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy after noon. Winds west at 10 to 15 knots turning southwest after noon. Low 24°F. High 36°F.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy. Winds southwest at 10 to 15 knots becoming south at 12 to 18 knots after sunset. Low 27°F. High 41°F.

Monday: Cloudy with morning fog becoming mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers before noon. Winds southwest at 15 to 20 knots becoming northwest gusting to 28 knots after sunset. Low 34°F. High 42°F.

Tuesday: Partly to mostly cloudy. Winds northwest at 10 to 15 knots. Low 33°F. High 40°F.

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Tuesday: Partly cloudy becoming to mostly cloudy overnight. Winds northwest at 3 to 6 knots. Low 37°F. High 47°F.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with dense fog and rain showers beginning by the late afternoon. Winds southeast at 8 to 12 knots. Low 37°F. High 50°F.

CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND

Saturday: Mostly cloudy. Winds west at 8 to 12 knots becoming southwest by the mid morning. Low 23°F. High 34°F.

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Monday: Cloudy with morning fog and drizzle becoming mostly cloudy by the early afternoon. Winds southwest at 15 to 20 knots becoming northwest at 18 to 22 knots gusting to 28 knots after sunset. Low 33°F. High 50°F.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy overnight. Winds northwest at 10 to 15 knots. Low 30°F. High 42°F.

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GLEN BURNIE, MARYLAND

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Sunday: Mostly cloudy. Winds south at 3 to 6 knots. Low 30°F. High 46°F.

Monday: Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy by the evening. Winds southwest at 12 to 18 knots becoming northwest at 10 to 15 knots after sunset. Low 35°F. High 57°F.
Movies of the Week

Movies Available as of January 6, 2005
This List Is Void after January 10, 2005

CAPOTE
Drama
R (Rated R for some violent images and brief strong language.)
Starring Philip Seymour Hoffman, Catherine Keener
110 Min.
*A SONY PICTURES CLASSICS RELEASE

THE LIBERTINE
Drama
Not rated
Starring Johnny Depp, Samantha Morton, John Malkovich
130 Min.
*A MIRAMAX RELEASE

ZATHURA
Fantasy/Action
PG (Rated PG for perilous situations and some language.)
Starring Josh Hutcherson, Jonah Bobo, Dax Shepard
113 Min.
*A COLUMBIA RELEASE

CASANOVA
Comedy/Drama
R (Rated R for some sexual content.)
Starring Heath Ledger, Sienna Miller, Jeremy Irons
108 Min.
*A TOUCHSTONE PICTURES RELEASE

BEE SEASON
Drama
PG-13 (Rated PG-13 for thematic elements and brief strong language.)
Starring Richard Gere, Juliette Binoche, Flora Cross
104 Min.
*A FOX SEARCHLIGHT RELEASE
In "Capote," Philip Seymour Hoffman gives a deeply fascinating and illuminating character study of the legendary writer and raconteur Truman Capote ("Breakfast at Tiffany's"). Rather than simply donning the fey mannerisms and outrageous wardrobe of this acclaimed scribe, Hoffman instead nestles more snugly beneath the surface charm of this Southern celebrity to reveal something of Capote's conflicted soul. It's a remarkably complex performance in an equally remarkable movie.

Set in 1959, "Capote" focuses on the origins of Truman Capote's landmark crime book, "In Cold Blood." After reading an article in The New York Times about the senseless murder of the Clutters, a simple farm family from Holcomb, Kansas, Capote decides to investigate the crime with the hope of writing an original non-fiction novel on the case. Accompanied by childhood friend and author Harper Lee (Catherine Keener), he sets out for Kansas to investigate. When the two killers are caught, however, Capote develops an empathetic identification with one of them. Perry Smith (Clifton Collins Jr.), who shares Capote's artistic sensitivity and loneliness, ultimately becomes an unwitting alter-ego to the novelist. "Capote" examines with a richly textured clarity how that relationship both enhanced "In Cold Blood" and tore apart the man who composed it.

Bennett Miller, whose previous film ("The Cruise") was an incisively compelling portrait of the New York tour guide Timothy "Speed" Levitch, demonstrates sharply honed instincts for character drama. Miller deftly illustrates how Capote's narcissism was virtually inseparable from his innate curiosity as a journalist. Capote's bond with Perry Smith, in other words, was borne of both self-serving and artistic impulses. If "In Cold Blood" drew an enigmatic picture of an America both as rooted and as uprooted as the killers, "Capote" gives us a riveting depiction of an artist who desperately straddled the border between those two worlds. -Kevin Courrier
THE LIBERTINE

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Starring Johnny Depp, Samantha Morton and John Malkovich.

Johnny Depp adds another notch to his memorable gallery of film roles with his portrait of John Wilmot, the debauched Second Earl of Rochester who went head to head with King Charles II in the late 1600s. Opening with the Earl telling the audience that they won't like him by the time his story has been told, "The Libertine" quickly throws one into the filth and grime of 17th-century England. It's a brutally realistic evocation of the time -- perhaps the most authentic ever consigned to film -- and one that makes a mockery of prettified and overly art-directed movies like "Barry Lyndon." The rapier wit dialogue of playwright Stephen Jeffreys, adapting his own play to the screen, sings, too; these are words that stick with the viewer. Buoyed by Michael Nyman's insistent but haunting score and the effectively underplayed, candlelit cinematography by Alexander Melman, "The Libertine" adeptly sets a mood that is highly seductive. (It's also sexually forthright in a manner rarely seen onscreen but highly true to its time and place.)

It all soon runs out of steam as its story sputters to a halt, becoming sidetracked by the less interesting dalliance of the Earl and Elizabeth Barry (an underused Samantha Morton), and an actress whom he rescues from career oblivion. That part of the film -- and a pulling back from Depp's more negative persona, such as in his mistreatment of his wife -- is too conventional, even hackneyed. It's a shame because so much of "The Libertine" -- including John Malkovich's chilling portrayal of the King -- really stands out. A fine feature debut for director Laurence Dunmore, "The Libertine" is more of a calling card for his future work than a fully rounded triumph in its own right. -Shlomo Schwartzberg
ZATHURA

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After their father leaves for work, leaving them in the care of their older sister, six-year-old Danny and ten-year old Walter discover an old tattered metal board game, "Zathura." After trying unsuccessfully to get his brother to play the game with him, Danny starts to play on his own. From his first move, Danny realizes this is no ordinary board game. His spaceship marker moves by itself and when it lands on a space, a card is ejected, which reads: "Meteor shower, take evasive action." The house is immediately pummeled from above by hot, molten meteors. When Danny and Walter look up through the gaping hole in their roof, they discover, to their horror that they have propelled into deepest, darkest outer space. And they are not alone. Danny and Walter realize that unless they finish the game they'll be trapped in outer space forever. With every turn, they confront one incredible obstacle after another: They accidentally put their sister Lisa into a deep cryonic sleep, are chased by a crazed, malfunctioning six-foot robot, rescue a stranded astronaut and are besieged by lizard-like, carnivorous creatures called Zorgons. With the help of the astronaut, Danny and Walter begin to put their petty fraternal differences aside, work together to overcome the obstacles they encounter and attempt to finish the game so they can go home. But all their efforts may be in vain when they face their biggest challenge of all--a battle against an intense gravitational pull into the void of the dark planet Zathura.
Casanova


For the first time in his life, the legendary Casanova is about to meet his match with an alluring Venetian beauty, Francesca, who does the one thing he never thought possible: refuse him. Through a series of clever disguises and scheming ruses, he manages to get ever closer to Francesca. However, he is playing the most dangerous game he has ever encountered--one that will risk not only his life and reputation, but his only chance at true passion.
Eliza Naumann spells words. Lots of words. Hard words. Long words. And with an effortlessness and understanding that surprises everyone around her. Her teachers, her fellow students. But especially those closest to her: her father, mother and brother. The people whose lives Eliza’s newfound genius will irrevocably change. As Eliza Naumann trains for the ultimate test of her spelling powers—the pressure-packed National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C.—her family simultaneously begins to fall apart. Indeed the more amazing the words are that Eliza learns to spell, the more communication seems to break down all around her. Her father Saul, a religious studies professor, sees something transcendent in Eliza’s magical gift, and begins to teach her the secrets of Kabbalah. He becomes obsessed with her victories, living vicariously through her path to God. Her mother Miriam finds Eliza and Saul’s shared focus a painful reminder of the connection she once had with her husband and her own parents, who died tragically when she was a young girl. Meanwhile, Eliza’s older brother Aaron, once her father’s favorite, rebels against his withdrawal of affection, experimenting with other religions, and eventually seeking out a connection with a beautiful Hare Krishna. With her family disintegrating before her young eyes, it’s up to Eliza—and an unexpected act of selflessness and love—to put the broken pieces of her world back together.
BELTSVILLE

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December 16, 2005

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I will always remember the day when you gave remarks at the Wilson Center and I shared the rostrum with you. I was very honored to have had the opportunity to introduce you and I am still getting calls from friends with much applause.

Your speech was very well done and summed up most eloquently the reasons why victory in Iraq is so important both to our great country and to the entire world. We are especially pleased that the election went so well in Iraq and hopefully will bring stability to that country as a new government is formed.

Alma and I feel blessed to have you and Laura as good friends and you can count on us for unwaivering support and admiration. We wish you a joyous holiday season and a New Year filled with life's blessings.

Sincerely,

Joe

JOSEPH B. Gildenorn
4445 Willard Avenue
Suite 400
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
December 29, 2005 ~ 28 Kislev 5765

President George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We hope this letter finds you well.

We write on behalf of the Orthodox Jewish community to express our deep appreciation for your leadership, and the leadership of members of your Administration, in securing much-needed federal relief for the K-12 schools and their students affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

We appreciate your steadfast insistence that non-public schools in our community, and in other faith communities, which simply did the right thing in the wake of the disasters and took in displaced students, be treated on an equal, non-discriminatory basis as the public schools in the relief program enacted by Congress last week.

We wish to commend the intensive efforts of Secretary Spellings and members of her staff as well Tevi Troy of your staff who worked not only to ensure that this proposal passed Congress, but that it’s provisions were sensitive to the needs and interests of religious schools. We can assure you that our community’s educators in the field who are caring for the needs of the displaced students – in ways that go far beyond academic learning – appreciate your delivery of this aid program.

Permit us to close by wishing God’s blessings upon you and your efforts at the outset of the new calendar year.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Savitsky  Rabbi T. Hersh Weinreb  Nathan J. Diament
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Sam He Was

By CAREN DEANE THOMAS

Glencoe, Ill.

WHEN I recently received an invitation to a reunion of my Yale Law School class, it stirred memories of the astounding group of students I found when I arrived there in 1972. Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton are the most famous, of course, but my classmates also include someone else who has made news lately: Sam Alito.

When Judge Alito was nominated to the United States Supreme Court, my fellow alumni began contacting one another, contemplating the elevation of one of our own to the highest judicial dais in the land. Sam was remembered fondly and with admiration. But an issue of conscience emerged - namely, whether respect for Sam could be squared with the deep qualms many of us feel about the Bush administration and its failings. One classmate sent out an anguished e-mail message begging us to fight at all costs a nomination born of such a regime.

This is the issue that many liberals face as the Senate begins questioning Judge Alito on Monday. Sadly, Supreme Court confirmations have devolved into litmus tests on policy positions, appropriate for the election of legislators but exactly the opposite of what should be required of a judge. This practice is often traced back to the confirmation hearings that scotched the nomination of Robert Bork. Some say that the hearings for Judge Alito will and should be no different. The two situations are, however, diametrically opposite, and I say that from personal experience.

In my first semester of law school, I was assigned to a constitutional law seminar taught by Bob Bork. And though I know Yale's faculty members embrace a broad range of views, the extremity of Professor Bork's positions still amazes me.

Professor Bork coupled a distaste for the Bill of Rights with a devotion to the Commerce Clause that made it the centerpiece of our entire semester. The privilege against self-incrimination, we were told, should have been limited only to cases of physical intimidation and torture - certainly it should not be invoked to protect a defendant from verbal self-incrimination on the witness stand. Charming and articulate, Professor Bork told us that he had left the practice of law to pursue the more intellectual aims of teaching because, frankly, he just didn't care that much about people.

It was easy to believe him. The next year, when, as solicitor general, he fired the independent prosecutor Archibald Cox in order to protect Richard Nixon from the Watergate scandal, we students watched the reports on live television from the student lounge in despair - but not, for those of us who had sat in that con law seminar, in shock.

Professor Bork clearly had a brilliant and provocative mind, and the Constitution was grist for his mill.
But he was the perfect example of someone who should be kept off the Supreme Court at all costs. He was too extreme to serve on a court of last resort and showed little regard for the Bill of Rights. He had the intellectual arrogance of an ideologue, and his conservatism served causes like Watergate.

When I finished law school I clerked for Leonard P. Moore, a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The contrast with Professor Bork was stark. Judge Moore checked his ego at the courthouse door. He was politically conservative, but his great integrity, restraint and personal devotion to the law made him a fair and sensitive jurist. He hired clerks irrespective of their political views - indeed, he relished the exchange of ideas with clerks whose ideas were different from his own. He was open-minded in his discussions with us and weighed all viewpoints carefully.

Sam Alito's character suggests he'll follow the tradition of Judge Moore. In our class Sam was respected for his intellectual ability. He was quiet, but when he did speak his remarks were thoughtful and to the point. He wasn't showy or pretentious. He listened to others. I can't recall Sam prejudging an issue or reaching arbitrary conclusions. He worked hard and was never ashamed of that, even at a school that favored the appearance of effortless brilliance.

Since announcing the nomination of Judge Alito, the Bush administration has conducted a high-powered marketing campaign to sell him to the public. Such efforts anticipate and seek to thwart hostile confirmation hearings like those that sank Robert Bork. But neither a witch hunt at the Senate nor a hard sell from the White House will afford Sam Alito the confirmation process he, or the country, deserves: one as thoughtful and measured as the legal mind it considers.

The pain of living in a pluralistic society is that sometimes my ideas prevail, but sometimes the prevailing idea is yours. When we disagree on policy, my best investment is in leadership that is fair, concerned for the welfare of the American people, and devoted to our Constitution. Many feel that the current administration comes up short in these areas, but that doesn't mean that everyone it taps for service does. I cannot, for example, imagine Sam Alito disparaging the right of an accused person to remain silent at trial.

The president took the high road on this nomination. He juggled his politics and his public relations, and while I don't like either, I have to be grateful for the quality of lawyer, and individual, who emerged as the nominee.

We have to decide whether the unfortunate tradition begun with Robert Bork's nomination should be continued indefinitely or whether, with the wisdom of hindsight, we exhume it only when absolutely warranted. Liberals among us have got to get real - to press for the finest jurists a conservative administration is willing to offer, and to spend our capital in that pursuit.

Caren Deane Thomas is a lawyer in private practice.
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- **Sunday**: Few Showers. Occasional showers possible. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.

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WASHINGTON, DC
Monday: Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy overnight. Winds southwest at 12 to 18 knots becoming northwest at 5 to 10 knots in the early evening. Low 39°F. High 60°F.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy becoming cloudy overnight. Winds northwest at 8 to 12 knots becoming southeast at 10 to 15 knots in the early evening. Low 38°F. High 52°F.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with isolated afternoon and evening rain showers. Winds southeast at 10 to 15 knots. Low 39°F. High 55°F.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Winds southwest at 8 to 12 knots. Low 44°F. High 57°F.

Friday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy in the late evening with isolated rain showers beginning overnight. Winds north at 5 to 10 knots becoming southeast in the early evening. Low 42°F. High 58°F.

CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND
Thursday: Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy by mid morning. Winds west at 10 to 15 knots. Low 38°F. High 50°F.

Friday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy in the evening with isolated rain showers beginning overnight. Winds southwest at 10 to 15 knots increasing to 18 to 22 knots gusting to 25 knots in the early evening. Low 37°F. High 52°F.

GLEN BURNIE, MARYLAND
Monday: Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy in the late afternoon. Winds southwest at 12 to 18 knots becoming northwest in the early evening. Low 35°F. High 57°F.

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with widely isolated early morning rain showers becoming partly cloudy by the evening. Winds southwest at 12 to 18 knots decreasing to 5 to 10 knots by the afternoon. Low 43°F. High 52°F.

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Thursday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy with widely isolated evening rain showers and thunderstorms. Winds southeast at 5 to 10 knots. Low 48°F. High 71°F.

GULFPORT/WAVERLAND, MISSISSIPPI
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PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
Thursday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy in the early afternoon. Winds north at 5 to 10 knots. Low 65°F. High 80°F.
Dec. 12, 2005

President & Mrs. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear President and Mrs. Bush:

I wish to thank you for welcoming me to the White House.

The honor was overwhelming and it was equally exciting to experience the White House for the first time.

Nutbush is now definitely on people's minds, if it wasn't already. Thank you from the girl from Nutbush.

Warmest Regards,

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January 5, 2006

Fax to: Karen Keller
Office of the President  Fax #: (202)456-0200

From: Stephanie Wills
Secretary to Billy Graham

Karen,

Happy New Year!

I am faxing to you Mr. Graham’s letter to the President, rather than trying to send it through the mail.

[Signature]
Weekend Forecast for Thurmont, MD

Friday
- High: 56°F
- Low: 46°F
- Partly Cloudy
- Precip: 20%
- Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 40s.

Saturday
- High: 51°F
- Low: 33°F
- Showers
- Precip: 30%
- Showers. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.

Sunday
- High: 44°F
- Low: 27°F
- Showers possible. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.
- Precip: 50%

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5 DAY WEATHER FORECAST
PROVIDED BY THE JOINT PRESIDENTIAL WEATHER SUPPORT UNIT

Tuesday, 10 January 2006

WASHINGTON, DC

Tuesday: Partly cloudy becoming cloudy overnight. Winds northwest at 5 to 10 knots becoming southeast in the early evening. Low 40°F. High 52°F.

Wednesday: Cloudy with isolated rain showers. Winds southeast at 10 to 15 knots then becoming west overnight. Low 42°F. High 56°F.

Thursday: Cloudy becoming partly cloudy in the late morning. Winds west at 4 to 8 knots. Low 44°F. High 58°F.

Friday: Cloudy with morning fog becoming mostly cloudy in the late morning. Winds southwest at 4 to 8 knots. Low 44°F. High 62°F.

Saturday: Cloudy with rain showers becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Winds west at 10 to 15 knots gusting to 20 knots becoming northwest at 15 to 20 knots gusting to 30 knots in the afternoon. Low 34°F. (P. M.) High 45°F. (A. M.)

CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND

Friday: Partly cloudy becoming cloudy by sunset with overnight rain showers. Winds south at 8 to 12 knots increasing to 15 to 20 knots gusting to 30 knots in the evening. Low 38°F. High 55°F.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with early morning rain showers. Winds west at 12 to 16 knots gusting to 25 knots becoming northwest at 15 to 20 knots gusting to 35 knots in the afternoon. Low 32°F. (P. M.) High 40°F. (A. M.)

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Wednesday: Cloudy with morning rain showers becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Winds southwest at 10 to 15 knots gusting to 20 knots lowering to 8 to 12 knots in the evening. Low 42°F. High 52°F.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Thursday: Partly cloudy. Winds southeast at 5 to 10 knots. Low 50°F. High 72°F.

GULFPORT/WAVELAND, MISSISSIPPI

Thursday: Partly cloudy. Winds southeast at 4 to 8 knots. Low 50°F. High 70°F.

PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Thursday: Partly cloudy. Winds east at 4 to 8 knots. Low 62°F. High 78°F.
Keller, Karen E.

From: Kavanaugh, Brett M.
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2006 9:45 AM
To: Keller, Karen E.; Gottesman, Blake; Campbell, Sarah
Subject: FW:

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From: Kevin.Dowd@rrd.com [mailto:Kevin.Dowd@rrd.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2006 9:40 AM
To: Kavanaugh, Brett M.
Subject: Re:

Brett,

Please convey to the President my heartfelt thanks for his kind note. It more than makes up for the vicious emails I received from the godless readers of the NY Times. Please tell him I am already at work on next year's column "The Moral Musings of Ted Kennedy"

Best Regards,

Kevin
About the Author
Lester C. Thurow is the Lemelson Professor of Management and Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he has taught since 1968. From 1987 through 1993 he was dean of MIT's Sloan School of Management. His previous books include the New York Times bestsellers The Zero-Sum Society and The Future of Capitalism.

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With Fortune Favors the Bold: What We Must Do to Build a New and Lasting Global Prosperity, Lester Thurow follows on his bestsellers The Zero-Sum Society and The Future of Capitalism by addressing the path to globalization. Thurow--a Professor of Management and Economics at MIT's Sloan School--draws uncompromising conclusions: only a bold embrace of globalization will bring prosperity, and nations that fail to engage in global economics will fall behind the world's dominant powers.

He sees three simultaneous revolutions that fuel the rush to global business: the birth of knowledge-based industry, the creation of a global economy built on a worldwide information infrastructure, and the victory of capitalism. But Thurow is not naively optimistic about the prospects for prosperity in this new framework. The U.S. trade deficit, the Chinese export economy, the SARS epidemic, and the stagnating Japanese economy all offer real threats to short-term and long-term well-being.

Some readers will be frustrated that Fortune Favors the Bold does not deliver a detailed set of solutions to these impediments to global prosperity, despite Thurow's thorough research. The U.S. trade deficit, like the absence of international intellectual property rights, he labels a "dilemma": a problem that has no prescriptive answer. Crises will occur, he suggests. The challenge is to prepare for them and manage them well. Thurow urges the creation of new institutions to confront these dilemmas head on, notably the creation of a Chief Knowledge Officer (CKO) for governments and major corporations. The CKO will provide a central intelligence to steer nations and corporations through the difficulties of economic revolution. For Thurow, fortune will favor those leaders who boldly shape globalization and invest in emerging technologies. Those who stand by will be doomed to marginalization. --Patrick O'Kelley
THE PRESIDENT
HAS SEEN
1/11/06
Wednesday: Cloudy with fog and isolated rain showers. Winds south at 5 to 10 knots becoming west at 8 to 12 knots by sunset. Low 40°F. High 58°F.

Thursday: Cloudy becoming partly cloudy in the late morning. Winds west at 4 to 8 knots. Low 41°F. High 62°F.

Friday: Cloudy with morning fog becoming mostly cloudy in the afternoon with rain showers developing overnight. Winds southwest at 4 to 8 knots. Low 41°F. High 60°F.

Saturday: Cloudy with morning rain showers becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Winds west at 10 to 15 knots gusting to 20 knots becoming northwest at 12 to 18 knots gusting to 30 knots in the afternoon. Low 34°F. (P. M.) High 45°F. (A. M.)

Sunday: Partly cloudy. Winds north at 10 to 12 knots. Low 27°F. High 42°F.

CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND

Friday: Mostly cloudy becoming cloudy in the afternoon with rain showers. Winds south at 8 to 12 knots shifting west by sunset at 15 to 20 knots gusting to 30 knots. Low 38°F. High 55°F.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with widely isolated afternoon snow flurries. Winds west at 10 to 15 knots gusting to 25 knots becoming northwest at 15 to 20 knots gusting to 35 knots in the afternoon. Low 30°F. (P. M.) High 38°F. (A. M.)

Sunday: Partly cloudy. Winds north at 4 to 8 knots. Low 24°F. High 35°F.

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Wednesday: Cloudy with morning fog becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Winds southwest at 10 to 15 knots gusting to 20 knots lowering to 8 to 12 knots in the evening. Low 42°F. High 50°F.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Thursday: Partly cloudy with morning fog. Winds southeast at 5 to 10 knots. Low 50°F. High 74°F.

GULFPORT/WAVELAND, MISSISSIPPI

Thursday: Partly cloudy with morning fog. Winds southeast at 4 to 8 knots. Low 54°F. High 72°F.

PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Thursday: Partly cloudy with widely isolated afternoon rain showers. Winds east at 4 to 8 knots. Low 65°F. High 78°F.
THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
1/12/06
Behind in Polls, Canada’s Martin Calls Foe ‘Bush’s New Be

By Doug Struck
Washington Post Foreign Service

TORONTO, Jan. 11 — With a militant drumbeat and an ominous tone, a campaign ad here warns that election of Conservative Party leader Stephen Harper “would bring a smile to George W. Bush’s face.”

Well behind in the polls two weeks before a parliamentary election, the governing Liberal Party led by Prime Minister Paul Martin this week brought what in Canadian politics is a most damning indictment: Martin’s opponent is too close to the Americans, the party’s ads say.

“Mr. Harper, the United States is our neighbor, not our nation,” warns one.

Harper is “pro-Iraqi war, anti-Kyoto, socially conservative ... Bush’s new best friend,” says another ad, quoting a commentary from the conservative Cato Institute, a Washington research group.

Yet another ad speculates that Harper may have received illegal campaign funds from American conservatives. “We know he is very popular with right-wingers in the U.S. They have money. Maybe they helped him,” the announcer muses on the commercial, unveiled Tuesday.

The ads are running before an election in which Martin’s party appears likely to lose its hold on the government. After Christmas, the Conservatives, the main opposition, jumped suddenly from behind and now lead the Liberals by 10 percentage points, 38 to 28 percent, according to a poll conducted for the Globe and Mail newspaper.

In Canada’s system, the party with the largest number of seats after the Jan. 23 election can join with smaller parties, if needed, to form a government and select the prime minister.

The Conservatives, who have been out of power for 12 years, have traditionally favored closer ties to U.S. administrations. Martin’s Liberals portrayed Harper as too pro-American in their election faceoff in June 2004, and have now boosted the stridency of that accusation.

Despite his party’s ads, Martin came to office 25 months ago pledging to improve fractured relations with the Bush administration. A former finance minister, he created and heads a cabinet committee whose mission is to work closely with the United States, Canada’s largest trading partner. Last year Martin hosted Bush in Ottawa.

But in an election, you run on what will aid your cause. Canada is not unique in playing the anti-American card,” said Nelson Wiseman, a political scientist at the University of Toronto.

“I understand political expediency,” U.S. Ambassador David Wilkins said last month of the anti-American potshots in the campaign. “But the last time I looked, the United States was not on the ballot.”

But it often has been, in one way or another. People here have long had mixed feelings about their larger, more powerful neighbor, defending their separate, Canadian identity in spite of ever-closer ties with the United States.

“It used to be a huge thing in Canadian politics to be as close as possible with the American president,” said Norman O’Reilly, a marketing professor at Ryerson University in Toronto. “But after the free war, that has changed. There’s been a backlash to the war.”

Hostility toward the Bush administration is strongest in eastern cities, traditional strongholds of the Liberal Party. With opinion polls showing the party losing some of that support, Martin’s strategists are trying to tap the sentiment, Wiseman said.

“You hope to run a positive campaign. If things get bad, you pull out the negative ads,” he said. “If things get really bad, you pull out the really negative ads.”

In a nationally televised debate on Thursday, Martin hammered his closest point home. He suggested that Harper would shift Canada’s policies to mimic Washington’s and described Harper as be- eving “in favor of the missile shield and the Iraq war. His positions are contrary to the values that Quebeckers defend.”

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...missile...
‘Bush’s New Best Friend’

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“These ads are a new low in Canadian political advertising,” one of Harper’s party chiefs, Parliament member Jason Kenney, said in an interview. “Paul Martin will do anything to hold on to power. The ads speak of sophomoric anti-Americanism.”

They are factual ads. They reveal Stephen Harper’s views on a number of issues, responded Amy Butcher, a spokeswoman for the Liberal Party. “We think it’s important for Canadians to be aware of where Mr. Harper stands.”

The ads could backfire if seen as ham-handed or desperate, political strategists here said. Martin’s party quickly withdrew one advertisement that focused on a proposal by Harper to station Canadian troops closer to cities to help with national disasters and emergencies. The ad suggested that the troops would be an ominous presence.

The ad “was never approved by the party,” Butcher insisted. “It was initially posted with the other ads on the party Web site, she said.”
From Publishers Weekly
With no viable alternatives to capitalism remaining, says Thurow, the "third industrial revolution" makes a global market economy inevitable. The only question is exactly how the globalization process will unfold. Thurow admits flaws in the capitalist system, but firmly believes the game can be handicapped to reduce some of the inequalities. **As the former dean of MIT's business school, the author may be a master economist;** his take on matters such as Japan's stagnancy in the 1990s is certainly sharp and insightful. **But when he tackles other cultural and social issues, there are enough hyperbolic statements on basic subjects open to debate**—such as the assertion that the music recording industry faces "economic extinction" and that the film industry may soon follow—that the reader is not always inclined to trust his judgment. Proposals for global financial reform, such as transforming the International Monetary Fund into international bank deposit insurance, read as pie-eyed rather than visionary. To ensure affordable medicine for the third world, for example, he suggests governments use the principle of eminent domain to scoop up pharmaceutical patents. He has an even more reckless plan for dealing with copyrights and patents, in which the American government would simply allow corporations to ignore intellectual property claims originating in countries that refuse to prosecute their own copyright pirates. **Such shaky advice undermines the more effective historical and contemporary economic analysis.**
Sir:

We prepared big-print cards and paper to give you the option.

Brett Kavanaugh
5 DAY WEATHER FORECAST  
PROVIDED BY THE JOINT PRESIDENTIAL WEATHER SUPPORT UNIT 

Thursday, 12 January 2006 

WASHINGTON, DC 

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with morning fog becoming mostly sunny by noon. Winds west at 4 to 8 knots. Low 44°F. High 60°F.

Friday: Cloudy with morning fog and rain showers developing in the evening. Winds southwest at 4 to 8 knots. Low 45°F. High 62°F.

Saturday: Cloudy with rain showers ending by mid morning becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Winds west at 10 to 15 knots gusting to 20 knots becoming northwest at 14 to 18 knots gusting to 35 knots in the afternoon. Low 34°F. (P. M.) High 45°F. (A. M.)

Sunday: Partly cloudy. Winds north at 10 to 12 knots. Low 27°F. High 42°F.

Monday: Partly cloudy. Winds southwest at 5 to 10 knots. Low 30°F. High 45°F.

CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND 

Friday: Partly cloudy becoming cloudy by noon with rain showers developing by sunset. Winds south at 8 to 12 knots shifting west at 12 to 16 knots gusting to 30 knots overnight. Low 42°F. High 57°F.

Saturday: Cloudy with early morning rain showers becoming partly cloudy by noon with widely isolated afternoon and evening snow flurries. Winds west at 15 to 20 knots gusting to 30 knots becoming northwest at 15 to 20 knots gusting to 40 knots in the afternoon. Low 27°F. (P. M.) High 38°F. (A. M.)

Sunday: Mostly sunny. Winds north at 12 to 18 knots. Low 22°F. High 33°F.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 

Thursday: Partly cloudy with morning fog. Winds south at 5 to 10 knots. Low 52°F. High 74°F.

GULFPORT/WAVELAND, MISSISSIPPI 

Thursday: Partly cloudy with morning fog. Winds southeast at 4 to 8 knots. Low 53°F. High 72°F.

PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 

Thursday: Partly cloudy with widely isolated afternoon rain showers. Winds east at 4 to 8 knots. Low 65°F. High 79°F.
Movies of the Week

Movies Available as of January 13, 2005
This List Is Void after January 17, 2005

ZATHURA
Fantasy/Action (Rated PG for perilous situations and some language.)
Starring Josh Hutcherson, Jonah Bobo, Dax Shephard.

FUN WITH DICK AND JANE
Comedy (Rated PG-13 for brief language and some sexual humor.)
Starring Jim Carrey, Téa Leoni, Alec Baldwin.

MATCH POINT
Drama (Rated R for some sexuality.)

MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA
Romantic Drama (Rated PG-13 for mature subject matter and some sexual content.)
Starring Ziyi Zhang, Ken Watanabe, Michelle Yeoh, Gong Li.

CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2
Comedy (Rated PG.)
Starring Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt, Eugene Levy.

MUNICH
Political thriller (Rated R for strong graphic violence, some sexual content and nudity.)
Starring Eric Bana, Daniel Craig, Geoffery Rush.
After their father leaves for work, leaving them in the care of their older sister, six-year-old Danny and ten-year-old Walter discover an old tattered metal board game, "Zathura." After trying unsuccessfully to get his brother to play the game with him, Danny starts to play on his own. From his first move, Danny realizes this is no ordinary board game. His spaceship marker moves by itself and when it lands on a space, a card is ejected, which reads: "Meteor shower, take evasive action." The house is immediately pummeled from above by hot, molten meteors. When Danny and Walter look up through the gaping hole in their roof, they discover, to their horror that they have propelled into deepest, darkest outer space. And they are not alone. Danny and Walter realize that unless they finish the game they'll be trapped in outer space forever. With every turn, they confront one incredible obstacle after another: They accidentally put their sister Lisa into a deep cryonic sleep, are chased by a crazed, malfunctioning six-foot robot, rescue a stranded astronaut and are besieged by lizard-like, carnivorous creatures called Zorgons. With the help of the astronaut, Danny and Walter begin to put their petty fraternal differences aside, work together to overcome the obstacles they encounter and attempt to finish the game so they can go home. But all their efforts may be in vain when they face their biggest challenge of all—a battle against an intense gravitational pull into the void of the dark planet Zathura.
FUN WITH DICK AND JANE

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History does seem to repeat itself, and so, the story of a successful couple striving for the American Dream through alternative means is just as relevant as the 1977 comedy starring George Segal and Jane Fonda. In this updated remake, Dick (Jim Carrey) and Jane (Tea Leoni) seem to have everything: good jobs, a big house, a Mexican housekeeper named Blanca, and a son who speaks Spanish because he spends so much time with her. When Dick is promoted, he is set up to take a fall for a big corporation, Globodyne, in an Enron-like scandal concocted by corrupt CEO Jack McCallister (Alec Baldwin) and his henchman Frank (Richard Jenkins). When the family falls on hard times--their lawn gets repossessed and they have to sell their prized plasma TV--they turn into modern-day Robin Hoods.
No, Match Point isn’t about tennis—well, not in the traditional sense anyway. It’s more a metaphor, revolving around a pivotal moment in the life of one-time tennis pro Chris Wilton (Jonathan Rhys Meyers). You see, he’s grown tired of the pro-circuit life and wants something different in his life. As luck would have it, he meets and marries the very rich Chloe Hewett (Emily Mortimer) and is soon exposed to the kind of money and success he always dreamed of having. But he’s still restless, leaving the door wide open for the impossibly beautiful and alluring Nola (Scarlett Johansson) to step through. Their (fatal?) attraction turns into an obsessive affair—when do they not?—which inevitably forces Chris to make a critical choice. It doesn’t end well, I can tell you that.
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA

**1/2**


Based on the best-selling novel by Arthur Golden, Geisha guides us into this fascinating Japanese subculture. Set in the late 1920s, the story begins with 9-year-old Chiyo (Suzuka Ohgo) being forced to leave her family and work in a geisha house. Although strikingly beautiful with slate blue eyes, Chiyo has no interest in the lifestyle, especially since she is cruelly treated by the jealous geisha Hatsumomo (Gong Li). But that changes after she meets and falls for the good-hearted Chairman (Ken Watanabe). After he shows her kindness, she decides becoming a geisha will be her ticket to being with him. Under the tutelage of mentor Mameha (Michelle Yeoh), Chiyo blossoms into the legendary geisha Sayuri (Ziyi Zhang), who captivates the most powerful of men. Still, she secretly hopes the man who once showed her compassion will come and take her away. Sweeping unrequited love? You bet!
Cheaper by the Dozen 2


So as not to potentially utilize even one of its viewers' brain cells, Cheaper by the Dozen 2 needs minimal exposition before allowing physical hijinks to set in. After the—you guessed it—12-strong Baker family worries of growing apart, the patriarch, Tom (Steve Martin), orders a mandatory family trip to their rustic vacation home in Wisconsin. It's there that the Griswolds, er, Bakers meet up with old rivals the Murtaugh family (of eight), led by uber-competitive Jimmy (Eugene Levy) and his much younger wife, Sarina (Carmen Electra)—though she is decidedly more amiable than he. When Jimmy tells Tom how to control his kids, Tom pits his clan against Jimmy's in a competition to teach him a lesson. Things turn PG-cutthroat, but all must end prettily and benignly if there's to be yet another sequel.
MUNICH


Munich will more than likely hit a few nerves. It begins with the horrifying events at the 1972 Olympics, in which a Palestinian faction known as Black September took 11 Israeli athletes, coaches and staff hostage and eventually killed them. What happened next, however, is where Munich takes off. Under the utmost secrecy, Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir (Lynn Cohen) and the Israeli intelligence agency, the Mossad, puts “Operation Wrath of God” into effect—the creation of hit squads, comprising of men from all walks of life, who are sent to eliminate those Palestinians responsible for the Munich massacre. We follow one such five-man squad—run by kind-hearted Avner (Eric Bana), a former Mossad agent—as they track down those on their list and assassinate them. Even though they each believe they are doing what is best for their people, soon their violent actions begin to weigh heavily on their souls.
Friday: Mostly cloudy with morning fog becoming cloudy with fog, rain showers, and isolated thunderstorms developing in the evening. Winds southwest at 4 to 8 knots. Low 41°F. High 64°F.

Saturday: Cloudy with isolated early morning thunderstorms, morning fog, and isolated rain showers ending overnight. Expect decreasing cloudiness overnight. Winds south at 8 to 12 knots becoming northwest at 12 to 18 knots after noon and increasing to 20 to 25 knots gusting to 30 knots overnight. Low 45°F (PM). High 55°F (AM).

Sunday: Mostly sunny. Winds northwest at 18 to 22 knots gusting to 30 knots decreasing to 10 to 15 knots after sunset. Low 31°F. High 43°F.

Monday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy after noon. Winds northwest at 3 to 6 knots becoming south after noon. Low 29°F. High 49°F.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy with fog and rain becoming cloudy by sunset. Winds southeast at 4 to 8 knots. Low 37°F. High 55°F.

**CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND**

Friday: Mostly cloudy becoming cloudy with fog, rain showers, and isolated thunderstorms developing in the evening. Winds south at 10 to 15 knots increasing to 12 to 18 knots gusting to 22 knots after sunset. Low 46°F. High 59°F.

Saturday: Cloudy with isolated early morning thunderstorms, morning fog, and isolated rain showers briefly mixing with snow before ending overnight. Expect decreasing cloudiness overnight. Winds south at 15 to 20 knots gusting to 25 knots shifting northwest after noon and increasing to 22 to 28 knots gusting to 35 knots overnight. Low 34°F (PM). High 50°F (AM).

Sunday: Mostly sunny. Winds northwest at 20 to 25 knots gusting to 32 knots decreasing to 15 to 20 knots after sunset. Low 27°F. High 36°F.

Monday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy after noon. Winds northwest at 8 to 12 knots becoming south after noon. Low 24°F. High 44°F.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy with fog and rain becoming cloudy by sunset. Winds south at 10 to 15 knots. Low 33°F. High 46°F.
To: President

Date: 1/13

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