

Shopping for shades



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Bree Klein, a senior agribusiness major, stays out of the heat by shopping for sunglasses at a local mall Monday afternoon.

People in the news

In the world of comedy, Berle's son laughs last

NEW YORK (AP) — Milton Berle's son is circulating a proposal for a tell-all biography that his father might find as funny as a heart attack. *The New York Post* reported Monday that several publishers have been reviewing a draft of the book, which portrays the comic as an absentee father, domestic tyrant, chronic gambler and a world-class womanizer. In *Near You*, 36-year-old Bill Berle writes that he lost his virginity when his father hired a Las Vegas showgirl to disguise herself as a maid and seduce him. "After that, when Berle and his son shared hotel suites, Milton would finish having sex with a woman and then shout into Billy's room, 'Billy, you want her now?'" the book's co-author, Brad Lewis, told the newspaper. Buddy Arnold, a writer and producer for Berle, said he had not seen the draft. He said of the general criticisms: "I don't believe any of them. To me they are false." Berle is about to celebrate his 90th birthday with charity parties in Los Angeles this month and in New York this fall.

producer Bill Kenwright said Monday. Although contracts have yet to be signed, Sir Peter Hall's production, with Madonna as the sexually voracious Maggie the Cat, is expected to begin rehearsals after Madonna completes her role in the film version of the musical *Chicago*. The Williams play will mark Madonna's first stage appearance since David Mamet's *Speed the Plow* on Broadway a decade ago. Madonna is expected to commit herself to the role for 20 weeks.



MADONNA

Ohio names park after television series veteran

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — The park where *M-A-S-H* actor Jamie Farr once trolled for dates and dreamed of stardom has been renamed in his honor. "I wanted to be an actor, a famous actor, and I wanted my hometown of Toledo to be proud of me," TV's Cpl. Max Klinger told about 400 admirers Sunday. "Jamie Farr Park is certainly a highlight of my life and career." Farr said he used to go to the canteen in the former Riverside Park in the 1940s to meet girls, dance and brawl. Toledo also has a park named for another hometown boy, Danny Thomas.

Actor looks to quench desire to play a cowboy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dennis Farina has plum parts in two big summer movies but is still looking for his dream role. "A cowboy," he said. "I'd love to do a Western." The mustachioed actor is best known for playing gangster types. He appears this summer in *Out of Sight*, an Elmore Leonard tale. Later this summer, he plays a colonel in Steven Spielberg's *Saving Private Ryan*.

Infamous Rodman crashes rock concert

DALLAS (AP) — Dennis Rodman might want to stick with his regular line of work. The Chicago Bulls star decided to jam with Pearl Jam during a concert Sunday night. Guzzling wine from a bottle, a shirtless, shoeless Rodman leaped on stage and tried to sing along during *Alive* and *Spin the Black Circle*. After the stage crew finally cut off Rodman's microphone, lead singer Eddie Vedder said to Rodman: "I'm guessing you've been drinking for about three days straight."

Songstress tries hand at stage performance

LONDON (AP) — Madonna will make her London theater debut next summer in a revival of Tennessee Williams' *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*,

Armageddon fails to live up to Deep Impact's power

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It isn't the end of the world, but Disney's "Armageddon" still fell short of expectations, debuting at \$36.1 million — below last Fourth of July action releases and this season's first sky-is-falling picture, "Deep Impact," final figures showed Monday. With the Fourth arriving on a Saturday this year, box office business overall was down 14 percent from last year's weekend, though family films held up well. "Dr. Dolittle" grossed \$19.7 million for second and "Mulan" collected \$11.5 million for third. Both "The X-Files" and "Out of Sight" lost nearly half their audiences. The top 10 movies at North American

theaters Friday through Monday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release as compiled by ACNielsen EDI Inc. and Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. "Armageddon," Disney, \$36.1 million, 3,127 locations, \$11,541 average, \$54.2 million, one week.
2. "Dr. Dolittle," 20th Century Fox, \$19.7 million, 2,871 locations, \$6,853 average, \$64.8 million, two weeks.
3. "Mulan," Disney, \$11.5 million, 2,953 locations, \$3,886 average, \$77 million, three weeks.
4. "Out of Sight," Universal, \$6.6 million, 2,112 locations, \$3,115 average, \$23.2 million, two weeks.

5. "The X-Files," 20th Century Fox, \$6.3 million, 2,602 locations, \$2,403 average, \$67.1 million, three weeks.
6. "The Truman Show," Paramount, \$6 million, 2,756 locations, \$2,180 average, \$109.8 million, five weeks.
7. "Six Days, Seven Nights," Disney, \$5.8 million, 2,479 locations, \$2,342 average, \$56.9 million, four weeks.
8. "A Perfect Murder," Warner Bros., \$3.3 million, 2,076 locations, \$1,607 average, \$61.1 million, five weeks.
9. "Hope Floats," 20th Century Fox, \$1.6 million, 1,248 locations, \$1,285 average, \$51.9 million, six weeks.
10. "The Horse Whisperer," Disney, \$1.3 million, 1,048 locations, \$1,280 average, \$68.9 million, eight weeks.



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