

13 DAYS TO HP6: Reason to see it again: A 3-D version of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" will be released July 29; the movie's opening 12 minutes will be in 3-D.



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I don't like storm drains; they scare me!



TODAY: Sunny;
afternoon showers

HIGH 84
LOW 65

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The Score
by Fred Bowen

Wizards Should Follow Mystics' Lead

The Washington Wizards made a big trade last week. The Wizards swapped their first-round pick in the 2009 NBA draft for Randy Foye and Mike Miller of the Minnesota Timberwolves. Oh yeah, the Wizards also threw in backup big men Etan Thomas, Darius Songaila and Oleksiy Pecherov.

I think the trade is a good move. The Wizards got two solid players to go with their three all-stars, Gilbert Arenas, Antawn Jamison and Caron Butler. Foye is a young, 6-foot-4-inch guard who scored more than 16 points a game last year. Miller, who can play both guard and forward, did not play his best last season. But two years ago, Miller averaged more than 18 points a game for the Memphis Grizzlies.



Above: Coach Flip Saunders, left, and President of Basketball Operations Ernie Grunfeld, right, pose with Randy Foye and Mike Miller. The newest Wizards are solid players, but the team needs the sort of muscle that Chasity Melvin gives the Mystics.

Foye and Miller will certainly help the Wizards more next season than Ricky Rubio would have. (The Timberwolves selected the flashy point guard with the Wizards' pick.)

Still, I'm not sure the trade makes the Wizards a sure bet for the playoffs next season. The team has only one proven big man left, 7-foot center Brendan Haywood. Big players who can rebound and play defense are very important in basketball.

If the Wizards want to get better, maybe they should become more like... the Mystics. Washington's WNBA team has a record of five wins and three losses and is much improved over the squad that lost its final nine games and posted a disappointing record of 10-24 last season.

The Mystics still have all-around all-star Alana Beard, who is scoring about 20 points a game. But one reason the Mystics have a chance for the WNBA playoffs this season is that they have better, bigger players than last season.

First, Chasity Melvin is back with the Mystics after playing two seasons for the

Chicago Sky. Melvin is a big (6-3) 10-year veteran who can play center or forward and handle the rough stuff under the basket.

Second, Crystal Langhorne is so much better it's as if she were a new player. The 6-2 forward from Maryland struggled last year as a rookie. Now, after a very successful season playing hoops in Europe, Langhorne looks as though she is ready to be a big star for the Mystics.

Put those two together with 6-4 center Nakia Sanford and the Mystics can hold their own under the basket with just about any WNBA team.

Maybe 6-11 forward Andray Blatche will be the Wizards' Crystal Langhorne and improve so much that the Wizards will have another effective player up front.

If the Wizards don't get some big guys soon, the Mystics may be the only Washington pro basketball team that makes the playoffs.

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TODAY'S NEWS



This baby loggerhead sea turtle was one of 50 saved yesterday.

Baby Critters, Beware Of Storm Drains

Storm drains are dangerous! Firefighters in Florida rescued 50 baby loggerhead sea turtles from a giant street drain yesterday. Rescuers were called in, and they planned to release the tiny creatures into the ocean.

Survival is tough for baby sea turtles, which are endangered. After hatching, the turtles dash across the sand toward the sea, but they are easy prey, and only one in 1,000 survives to adulthood. The turtles in the storm drain had been lured by nearby streetlights.

This rescue comes six weeks after D.C. firefighters plucked four ducklings from a downtown storm drain. They had found the babies because the mother duck was squawking furiously near the top of the drain.



These ducklings were rescued from a D.C. storm drain in May.



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Style

TODAY AT THE FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

The 43rd annual Folklife Festival is back at the Mall with a full schedule of concerts, demonstrations, discussions and food. This year, the free celebration features the country of Wales, the oral traditions of African American culture and music in Latino culture. For more information, call 202-633-1000 or visit www.festival.si.edu. All schedules subject to change.

GIVING VOICE

BARBERSHOP/BEAUTY PARLOR
11 a.m. Storytelling With Baba Jamal Koram and Valerie Tutson
Noon Fashion Drama Lisa Pegrarn, Joni Jones and Tonya Matthews
1 p.m. Poetry Workshop: Kenny Carroll and Sonia Sanchez
2 p.m. Beauty Tales With Valerie Tutson and Branice McKenzie
3 p.m. Beauty Tales With Phyllis Stickney and Nothando Zulu
4 p.m. Storytelling With Dianne Ferlatte and Thomas Sayers Ellis
5 p.m. Hair Stories With Baba Jamal and Mitch Capel

RADIO STATION
11 a.m. WPFW-FM Live Broadcast: Voices With Vision
Noon WPFW-FM Live Broadcast: Don't Forget the Blues
1 p.m. Me and My Radio
2 p.m. The Persona of the Black Deejay
3 p.m. Vintage Black Radio Broadcast
4 p.m. Me and My Radio
5 p.m. Women in Black Radio

THE ORATORIO
11 a.m. Storytelling With Mitch Capel and Joni Jones
Noon Poetry Out Loud and Asante Children's Theater: Tazanne Folktales
1 p.m. Storytelling With Diane Ferlatte and Victoria Burnett
2 p.m. Drama With Anu Yadav
3 p.m. Storytelling With Brother Blue, Tejumola Ologboni and Dylan Pritchett
4 p.m. Drama With Roger Gueuvre Smith
5 p.m. Poetry With Sonia Sanchez
6 p.m. Evening Concert: Just Kidding: A Conversation With Dick Gregory

THE STOOP
11 a.m. Neighborhood Poetry With Kenny Carroll, Toni Blackman and Novena Peters
Noon Stoop Stories With Onawumi Jean Moss, Nothando Zulu and Dylan Pritchett
1 p.m. Frederick Douglass Now With Roger Gueuvre Smith
2 p.m. Poetry With Thomas Sayers Ellis and Toni Blackman
3 p.m. Poetry With Lisa Pegrarn and Tonya Matthews

4 p.m. Neighborhood Stories With Onawumi Jean Moss and Victoria Burnett
5 p.m. Storytelling With Brother Blue

YOUNG WORDSMITHS
11 a.m. The Blues, Raps, Rhymes and Snaps
Noon I Have a Dream: Stories With Asante Children's Theater
1 p.m. The Blues, Raps, Rhymes and Snaps
2 p.m. Asante Theater Workshop
3 p.m. The Blues, Raps, Rhymes and Snaps
4 p.m. Drama With Christylez
5 p.m. Storytelling With Tejumola Ologboni

LAS AMERICAS

FOLKWAYS SALÓN
11 a.m. Huasteco Music & Dance: Los Camperos de Valles & Artemio Posadas & Dolores Garcia
11:45 p.m. Son Jarocho: Son de Madera
12:35 p.m. Joropo Llanero: Grupo Cimarrón
12:25 p.m. La Chunchona de los Hermanos Lovo
2:15 p.m. Mariachi Chula Vista
3:05 p.m. Nati Cano's Mariachi Los Camperos
3:55 p.m. Jibaro Music: Ecos de Borinquen
4:45 p.m. Las Estrellas del Vallenato
6 p.m. Evening Concert: Viajando por las Américas: Nati Cano's Mariachi los Camperos, Maestros de Joropo Oriental, Chanchona los Hermanos Lovo

LA PEÑA
11 a.m. Vocal Styles Across Traditions
11:45 p.m. Marimba de Chonta Workshop
12:35 p.m. Mariachi Workshop
1:25 p.m. Rhythm Guitars Across Traditions
2:15 p.m. Sonoran Music: Traditions: Don Beto Cruz & Jesus Garcia
3:05 p.m. Joropo Llanero Workshop
4 p.m. Country Cousins: Música de Arpa Grande & Mariachi
4:45 p.m. Huasteco Music & Dance Workshop

SALÓN DE BAILE
11 a.m. Música de Arpa Grande: Arpex
11:45 p.m. Sonoran Music Traditions: Don Beto Cruz & Jesus Garcia
12:35 p.m. Las Estrellas del Vallenato
1:25 p.m. Música de Arpa Grande: Arpex
2:15 p.m. Jibaro Music: Ecos de Borinquen
3:05 p.m. Son Jarocho and Son Huasteco Traditions
3:55 p.m. Los Maestros del Joropo Oriental
4:45 p.m. Curraño: Las Cantadoras del Pacífico

WALES

RUGBY CLUB
11 a.m. Griffiths
Noon Stories With Music
1 p.m. Singer-Songwriters
2 p.m. Silió
3 p.m. Harg and Voice
4 p.m. Ceri Rhys Matthews, Christine Cooper
5:30 p.m. Evening Concert: "Pub Performance"

STORY CIRCLE
11 a.m. Stories for Children
Noon Poetry
1 p.m. Stories of Migration
2 p.m. Welsh Poetry
3 p.m. Stories From the Welsh Landscape
4 p.m. Song and Poetry Challenge: Giving Voice, Las Americas, Wales

TASTE OF WALES
11 a.m. Traditional Treats
Noon Regional Recipes
1 p.m. Family Favorites
2 p.m. Soups With Spice
3 p.m. Tales From the Riverbank
4 p.m. Frugal Foods
5 p.m. Bakestone and Caldron Cooking

THE SQUARE MILE
11 a.m. My Square Mile: Near the Border
11:45 a.m. Think Globally, Act Locally: Endangered Languages
12:30 p.m. Wales and the World: Welsh Art Goes to the World
1:15 p.m. Working and Playing Outdoors: Mountains
2 p.m. Heritage Meets Innovation: Coal and Slate
2:45 p.m. Reimagining Community: Poetry and Community
3:30 p.m. The Arts in Action: Animation and Film
4:15 p.m. Adapt, Reuse, Recycle: Wool
5 p.m. Planning for the Future: Agriculture

WELSH DRAGON
11 a.m. The Hennesseys
Noon Welsh Dance Music
1 p.m. Only Men Aloud!
2 p.m. Fiddles, Pipes and Guitar
3 p.m. Parti Cut Lloi
4 p.m. Crasiant
5 p.m. Traditional Songs Reworked
6 p.m. Evening Concert: Male Voice Choirs Only Men Aloud! and Parti Cut Lloi

'Catcher' Sequel Is Quashed

Associated Press

NEW YORK, July 1 — A federal judge has ruled that a Swedish author cannot publish in the United States a book he wrote that was advertised as a sequel to J.D. Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye."

Judge Deborah Batts issued her ruling Wednesday after hearing arguments in a lawsuit brought by the 90-year-old Salinger against the publishers of "60 Years Later:

Coming Through the Rye." The book was scheduled to be published in the United States this summer.

J.D. Salinger's classic inspired a Swede to pen a successor.

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