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ZOMBIES RULE AS LATEST 'RESIDENT EVIL' DÉBUTS



LOS ANGELES—The undead of “Resident Evil” still have plenty of life in them.

“Resident Evil: Extinction,” with Milla Jovovich again fighting flesh-hungry zombies in the third installment based on the video game, opened as the No. 1 weekend flick with \$24 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates yesterday.

It was the best début for the franchise, topping the \$23 million début of part two, 2004’s “Resident Evil: Apocalypse.” —The Associated Press

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## Iranian leader coming to New York

SAYS HE WANTS TO GIVE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE CORRECT INFORMATION ABOUT MIDDLE EAST

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI  
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TEHRAN, Iran—President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said yesterday that the American people are eager to hear different opinions about the world, and he is looking forward to having the chance to voice them during his trip to the U.S., state media reported.

The hard-line Iranian

leader left yesterday for New York to address the U.N. General Assembly and speak to students and teachers during a forum at Columbia University.

On Saturday, Ahmadinejad struck a confrontational tone with a parade of fighter jets and missiles and tough warnings for the United States to stay out of the Mideast.

Three new domestically manufactured warplanes streaked over the capital during the parade marking the 27th anniversary of the Iraqi invasion of Iran, which

sparked a 1980–88 war that killed hundreds of thousands of people. The parade also featured the Ghadr missile, which has a range of 1,120 miles, capable of reaching Israel.

Some of the missile trucks were painted with the slogans “Down with the U.S.” and “Down with Israel.” The parade also featured unmanned aerial surveillance drones, torpedoes and tanks.

The Iranian president’s visit has caused a stir in New York. Tensions are high

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President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (left) said threats and economic sanctions will not stop technological progress.

## NATS’ FINAL DAY AT RFK >> Fans bid farewell



CHRIS WEHLING / THE FREE LANCE-STAR

WILY MO PENA picks a fan among the dozens packed around the Washington Nationals dugout to give his hat following the final out of Washington’s 5–3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies at RFK Stadium yesterday. A season-high crowd of 40,519 turned out for the Nationals’ final game at RFK; next spring, Washington’s baseball team will open play in its new stadium in Anacostia. A number of former

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Washington Senators turned out to see the game, as did fans who recalled watching the old club before it left for Texas in the early 1970s. As for the game, the Nats’ victory earned them the honor to depart the stadium with a 122–121 winning home record. **Sports, B1**

## Buses to connect with train station

FRED DESIGNS SCHEDULE TO HELP PASSENGERS BOUND FOR D.C. ACCESS THE DAILY VRE TRAINS

BY KELLY HANNON  
THE FREE LANCE-STAR

Virginia Railway Express riders have a new way to reach the Fredericksburg train station.

Bus feeder service will start Monday, Oct. 1 from two commuter lots in Spotsylvania to the station on Lafayette Boulevard, the southern end of the commuter rail line.

Another bus route will gather people from stops in Fredericksburg’s Idlewild neighborhood and the intersection of Kenmore Avenue and Hanover Street.

The fare is \$1 each way.

FREDericksburg Regional Transit has designed the schedule to meet the needs of D.C.-area bound train passengers, who do not always pull into the station at an exact time.

If the train is late, the bus will wait.

“We’re going to be there

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## Salvation Army forums look at exploitation

SERIES OF SEMINARS SET THROUGHOUT THE AREA TO LOOK AT HUMAN TRAFFICKING ISSUE

BY AMY FLOWERS UMBLE  
THE FREE LANCE-STAR

Prostitution rings. Sex slaves. Brothels.

Human trafficking seems like a seedy problem for big cities and other countries to deal with.

“But this is not some Third World issue,” said Capt. Mike Harris of the Fredericksburg Salvation Army. “This is real. It’s happening in our streets.”

Harris and his workers at the Salvation Army had heard stories of local high

school girls selling their bodies for money, of Virginia teens kidnapped to be sex slaves and of Latino immigrants who traded sex for a ride into America.

A recent Salvation Army seminar in Atlanta made Harris even more aware of the prevalence of sexual exploitation. The graphic stories of abused women and children angered him.

The speaker, Alesia Adams, spoke of the levels of exploitation locally and globally. She told of stories of women who were repeatedly raped to prepare them for a life of forced prostitution. She said it’s made acceptable through the lyrics

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## DOUGHNUTS >> PROTEST AT SENIOR CENTER

## REACTION BITTER TO LOSS OF SWEETS

BY JIM FITZGERALD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MAHOPAC, N.Y.—It was just another morning at the senior center: Women were sewing, men were playing pool—and seven demonstrators, average age 76, were picketing outside, demanding doughnuts.

They wore sandwich boards proclaiming, “Give Us Our Just Desserts” and “They’re Carbs, Not Contraband.”

At issue is a decision to refuse free doughnuts, pies and breads that were being donated to senior centers around Putnam County, north of New York City. Officials were concerned that the county was setting a bad nutritional precedent by providing mounds of doughnuts and other sweets to seniors.



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Officials in New York’s Putnam County worried that mounds of doughnuts weren’t good for seniors.

The picketers said they were objecting not to a lack of sweets but that they weren’t consulted about the ban.

“Lack of respect is what it’s all about,” said Joe Hajkowski, 75, a former labor-union official who organized the demonstration. He said officials had implied that seniors were gorging themselves on jelly doughnuts and were too

senile to make the choice for themselves.

C. Michael Sibilia said, “I’m 86, not 8.”

Inside, some seniors said they missed the doughnuts but others said they were glad to see them go.

“It was disgusting the way people went after them,” said 80-year-old Rita Jorgensen. “I think the senior center did them a favor by taking it away.”

Stan Tuttle, coordinator of nutritional services for the county’s Office for the Aging, said the program had gotten out of control. As many as 16 cases of breads, cakes and pastries were delivered, by various means, to the William Koehler Memorial Senior Center each day. Some

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COMING UP >> HOW LOW IS THE RAPPAHANNOCK?