

ShopTalk



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Hot in 2007

Wars and catastrophes may define a specific year or era, but what would 1977 be without bell-bottoms? Or 1986 without Aerosmith and Run-
D.M.C.'s rap-rock anthem, "Walk This Way?" Or 1997 without J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone?" Or 2005

without Christo's 7,503 bright orange gates decorating Central Park?

So when the world looks back at 2007, what pop culture phenomena might define it? Some of The Post's savviest pop culture watchdogs offered their top three things to look for in 2007:

FASHION

Fashion editor **Robin Givhan** offered these three trends:

For spring 2007, I'd point to ruffles—think "woman as bouquet," white dresses (in lieu of the little black dress) and athletic wear shapes transformed into luxurious sports-

wear: designer hoodies, silk anoraks, etc.

MUSIC

Pop music critic **J. Freedom du Lac** suggested these three releases:

"Because I Love It," the next album from DC's R&B diva, Amerie. "1 Thing" was my single of the year in 2005, and her recent mixtape is awfully promising. The Willie Nelson/Merle Haggard/Ray Price double-album, "Last of Breed." Three iconic Country Music Hall of Famers get together to record new versions of country classics. Can't miss, right? And Courtney Love's comeback, the smartly titled "How Dirty Girls Get Clean." I'm convinced she still has some good music left in her. Guess we'll find out soon enough (same could be said about Whitney Houston, for that matter).

He then offered three new or "sorta-new" artists who will debut in 2007:



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J. Freedom du Lac

Amy Winehouse, a terrific British soul-jazz singer with very confessional songs and a Motown/Phil Spector-style girl group sound. She's incredibly compelling, especially on her mission statement of a song,

"Rehab," off her new album, "Back

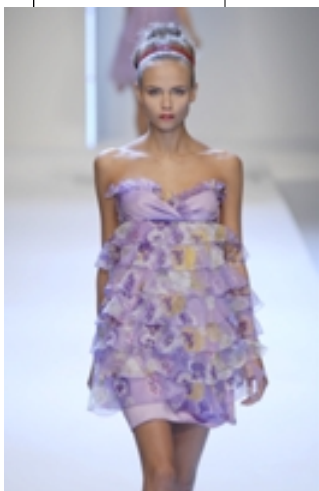


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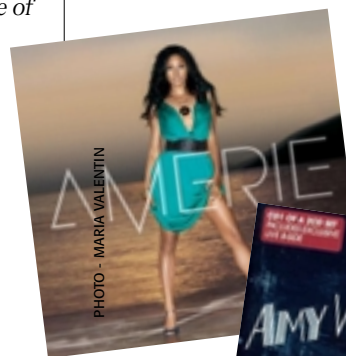


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Robin Givhan

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Fourth-Quarter Award Recipients

CAU Outstanding Sales

Liwam Berhane

Service Excellence

Kiristin Reid
Shannell McConnell
Tamara Gonzalez
Kevin Halligan
Barbara Lambright
Donald Desperett
Jennifer Keegan
Kathryn Johansen

Sales Achievement

Charlie Ford
Lynne Maloney
Carolyn Monroe
Sean Sullivan



Vice President **Katharine Weymouth**, Advertising, presents one of the three annual Publisher's Awards to **Lois Segel**, who was also one of the Fourth-Quarter Vice President's Club winners.

Pete McCormick
Donna Singletary
Bob Vitriol
Kathryn Whitener
Donald Washington
Jacklyn West
Kim Faulkner

Teicha Harris
Rita Coopersmith
Sherri Divver Greeves
Sean Scullion

Year-End VP Club Winners

Teri Parker
Diane DuBois
David DeJesus
Donna Singletary
Mark Gross
Ed Aduss
Kathryn Whitener
Bruce Ewan
Yasmine Gahed
Wanda Frazer
Amy Strange
Barbara Shaw
Lynne Maloney
Charlie Ford
Larry Calvert
Carolyn Monroe
Sean Scullion
Kevin Dammeyer
Darlene McGiveron
Rita Coopersmith
David Chiles
Iqrama Muhammad
Seth Peterson

Weekend Trip Winners

Teicha Harris
Susan Sheats

Fourth-Quarter Eagle Awards

Kevin Hancock
Marc Rosenberg
Tom Konisiewicz

Year-End Eagle Awards

Kate Humphries
Marc Rosenberg
Tom Konisiewicz

Publisher's Award

Wanda Frazer (Sales)
Lois Segel (Sales)
Jack Torlucci (Service)

President's Club Trip Winners

Larry Calvert
Lynne Maloney
Charlie Ford
Mark Gross
Donna Singletary
Ed Aduss
David DeJesus
Whitney Patton
Marc Rosenberg
Rick Tippett
David Chiles
Iqrama Muhammad
Tom Konisiewicz
Teri Parker
Sean Scullion
Bob Keenan
Donald Washington
John Richmond
Yasmine Gahed
Wanda Frazer
Amy Strange
Kate Humphries



Say, "Bon Voyage!" The President's Club winners will travel to Paris, France in April.

Donald Washington
Phil Bradley
Darlene McGiveron
Iqrama Muhammad
Charlie San Filippo
Bruce Ewan
Dave DeJesus
Kathryn Whitener
Jackie Lau
Sheila McGrath
Ed Aduss
Andy Flank
Judy Wise Olsen

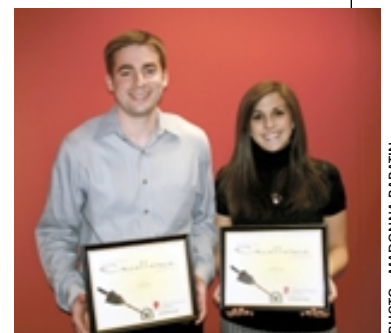
Sales Excellence

Ed Aduss
Mark Gross

Kathleen Rothenburg
Dianne Shelton
Gayle Pegg

Fourth-Quarter VP Club Winners

Clifford Feng
Susan Sheats
Donna Singletary
Lois Segel
Pete McCormick
Ed Aduss
Bruce Ewan
Lynne Maloney
Charlie Ford
Dianne Shelton
Teri Parker



Marketing Excellence Award recipients **Todd Nicolini** and **Lauren Marshall**.

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to Black." Saigon, the Brooklyn rapper as seen on TV (HBO's "Entourage"). He could be the real deal. His single, "Pain in My Life," is certainly intriguing. Saigon's debut, "The Greatest Story Never Told," is out in March. Mika, an inventive Lebanese singer via Britain whose debut, "Life in Cartoon Motion," is coming in March. Jaunty, orchestral pop that references everybody from the Beatles to Harry Nilsson. Lots of falsetto, too, but he's no James Blunt. Thank goodness.

ART

Chief Art critic **Blake Gopnik** observed and recommended:



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Blake Gopnik

The big art deal of 2007 is for travelers, not stay-at-homes. Once a decade, three major surveys of contemporary art line up on the calendar: the venerable Venice Biennale (biennial); the more radical Documenta show, which touches down in Kassel, Germany every five years and the once-a-decade Sculpture Projects, which fill the nearby town of Muenster

with major works of 3D art and installations.

For those not willing to cash in their miles in the name of art:

There's the National Gallery's survey of American painter Jasper Johns's first decade as an artist—from 1955 to 1965 (already underway). The other main event is the Corcoran Gallery of Art's "Modernism" show, which opens March 17. It looks at how modern design and art took off in the first half of the last century. It's got everything from a futuristic car to cubist paintings.

Editor's Note: The Sunday Arts section on Feb. 11 will provide complete listings.

BOOKS

Book World editor **Marie Arana** had her team provide a fiction, a nonfiction and a "cultural phenom" recommendation:

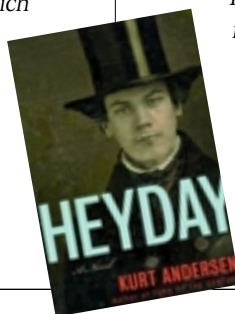
Ron Charles: For fiction: "Heyday," (March, Random



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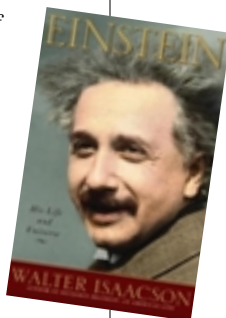
Ron Charles

House) by Kurt Andersen. A rollicking story about mid-19th-century America, as experienced by a young English gentleman, a veteran of the Mexican-American War and a journalist who travel across



the country in search of an alluring actress.

Warren Bass: For nonfiction, I'd nominate Walter Isaacson's "Einstein: His Life and Universe" (April, Simon and Schuster), a new popular biography of both the great man's life and his science, from the best-selling biographer of Benjamin



Franklin and the coauthor of the classic "The Wise Men."

Jabari Asim: For culture, "To The Break of Dawn" by William Jelani Cobb (February, NYU Press), which smartly

traces the roots of hip-hop back to earlier forms of African-American oral tradition, such as the blues and sermons.



PHOTO - MARIE MARZIS

Jabari Asim

Editor's Note: Adam Bradley reviewed Cobb's book in Book World's weekly Sunday insert on Jan. 28. The review is called, "One Nation Under Hip-Hop," and it also reviews Jason Tanz's "Other People's Property: A Shadow History of Hip-Hop in White America."

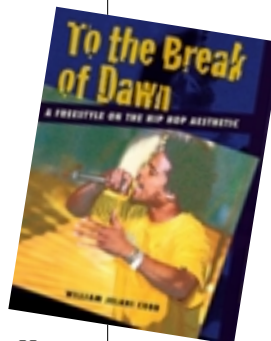


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Warren Bass

TV

TV Week's **Judith Gillies:** TV Week suggests the following shows will be big or continue to be big in 2007:

- Reality: "American Idol"
- Comedy: "Ugly Betty"
- Drama: "Lost" (with "Heroes" also worth a look) ■



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Judith Gillies

Post's Own Flag Football All-Americans

Advertising's **Kelvin Dale** and **Rod Williams** were recently selected to the Nine-man Ineligible Flag Football All-American Team. Dale and Williams



Flag Football All-Americans **Kelvin Dale** and **Rod Williams**, both from Advertising, sporting and holding the awards that the United States Flag and Touch League presented to them.

led their team, the Metro Dawgs, to the United States Flag and Touch League National Championship in Orlando on Jan. 14, where they beat the Free the Fan Falcons from Staten Island, N.Y. 6-0. Dale, who plays wide receiver, was a reliable scoring weapon for the Dawgs' offense, while Williams kept the opposing teams' offenses guessing as a defensive back

ready to pick off any passes throughout the Dawgs' impressive 9-1 season.

Dale, who had three receptions for 89 yards including a 55-yard touchdown that got called back during the championship game, started playing football in the Boys and Girls Club when he was only eight. He continued playing in high school and college at James Madison University. But perhaps most impressively, his Super Bowl XLI prediction was 27-17 in favor of the Colts.

Williams, whose solid defense helped to shut out the opposing team in the championship game, started playing at seven and also continued in high school and played college ball at Bowie State University. Williams finished the 10-game season with five interceptions. His Super Bowl predictions were also remarkably close. He had the Colts over the Bears, 31-24.

Blood Pressure Screening Week

Get your blood pressure checked and walk away with an apple (delicious red one, not the silver metal one) from the Northwest Health Center. The screening will take place from Feb. 12 to 16 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information contact x4-7192.

Love Notes

Question: What says "I love you" more originally and lasts longer than perishable flowers and New Year's resolution-killing, guilt-riddled chocolates? Answer: A Love Note in The Post's Valentine's Day edition. The Consumer Advertising Department will publish its popular annual Love Notes on Feb. 14. Post employees can show their love toward family, friends, co-workers and sig-o's (significant others) and place ads now at a 25 percent discount. Prices will vary, but most ads will be under \$30. To place an ad, contact the Consumer to Consumer Department after Jan. 23 at x4-6200.

Got Story Ideas?

Submit them to us! If you or a co-worker has an interesting Valentine's Day story to share (i.e. how you proposed or were proposed to, how you and your better half met at The Post, the most romantic date you've ever been on, some recommended romantic get-aways), let us know about it.

Too embarrassed to tell us? Submit them through our confidential suggestion boxes located in the Northwest Building (right outside the Health Center) and at both plants. If you have any suggestions for other story ideas or questions that you would like to see answered in ShopTalk, let us know. We'll get the questions to the right folks and print a response in a future publication. Several requests and suggestions have already come in and we're working on them. Keep 'em coming! Contact x4-6803 or onam@washpost.com or shoptalk@washpost.com with any questions.

Marketplace

GET TICKETS: Tickets for the Servicemembers' Legal Defense Network (SLDN) Banquet on Saturday, March 24 at the National Building Museum are now available to Post employees. Tickets are \$87.50 for the dinner, program and auction. Contact Christopher Janson at x4-5690. For more on event or SLDN organization visit: www.sldn.org.

FOR SALE: Delicious chocolate-covered strawberries for Valentine's Day. Only \$10 for beautifully packaged and decorated 1/2 dozen. Available for pick-up on Feb. 13 or 14. Place your orders with Dominic at x4-9210 or fryedd@washpost.com.

FOR SALE: 2001 Kubota 4WD tractor (model BX2200) with power steering; Diesel engine, 60 in. mower deck, turf tires, Kubota front loader/bucket, 234 hrs. Excellent condition—garage kept. Asking \$10,500. Contact Chris at x6-1982.

FOR SALE: Large, executive style oak desk. Good condition. \$100. Contact Gayle at x4-7764 or 301-570-9032.

FOR SALE: Two 2006 E350 15-passenger vans \$24,000 each. Or resume monthly payments of \$550 each. Contact Yvette at 301-630-7669.

FOR RENT: Vacation week in Villas at The Boardwalk. This is a beautiful ocean-front resort in Virginia Beach. Check in Sept. 8, 2007 and check out Sept. 15, 2007. One bedroom, 2 sofas, kitchen. Sleeps up to 6 people. Accommodations: indoor pool, Jacuzzi, gym and restaurant. Asking \$700. Contact Trinh at x4-4021 (between 7-11 p.m.)

FOR SALE: Games for XBOX 360. Both games are brand new—just won in a raffle! FIFA 07 Soccer for \$35 and NBA 07 Live also \$35. Best deal: take both games for \$60. Contact Linda at x4-5257.

NEW MARKETPLACE DEADLINE:

Noon THURSDAYS. Please include your name, extension and phone number. Ads are for Post employees only. Send ads to ShopTalk, seventh floor, or call x4-6803. To send ads via fax dial x4-4963 or to email send to shoptalk@washpost.com or onam@washpost.com. Ads run for two issues unless otherwise requested. One ad per employee. ShopTalk reserves the right to publish and edit all ads.