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Arts

"I never really thought about getting married — it just kind of happened."

— Actress Scarlett Johansson, as quoted from an interview in the November issue of Glamour magazine, on her surprise wedding to actor Ryan Reynolds in September 2008



Horsin' around

The wife of filmmaking giant Steven Spielberg, actress Kate Capshaw, was spotted over the weekend at the Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, where the couples' daughter Destry, 13, was a competitor in the Capital Challenge Horse Show.

We can expect to see more

offspring of the rich and famous across the coming weeks at the Washington International Horse Show, which will be held at the Verizon Center Oct. 20 through 25. Bruce Springsteen's daughter, Jessica, and New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg's



Kate Capshaw

daughter Georgina are both listed as qualified to compete at the show, which is typically one that is not to be missed by the country's best equestrians.

City boy

In other horsey news, we hear Joseph Leo Bwarie — electrifying music lovers at the National Theatre as Frankie Valli in "Jersey Boys," the Tony Award-winning musical about 1960s hit makers the Four Seasons — will sing the national anthem at the Virginia Gold Cup, an international steeplechase race, on Oct. 17.

A native of the Garden State, Mr. Valli never forgot where he came from. We hope when Mr. Bwarie shows up, he'll be in character. Those Virginia bluebloods need to be put in their place by a tough talkin' Jersey guy.

Halloween culture

If you're the cultured sort, you might want to break from the pack and have an artsy costume for an upcoming Halloween party. The Washington National Opera is opening its closet for the first time in six years for the Costume and Prop Sale, also on Oct. 17.

Not only are the outfits reasonably priced (ranging from \$50 to \$200 each), they are steeped in operatic history. Among the costumes being sold are ones worn by soprano Ruth Ann Swenson in "Lucia di Lammermoor" and Veronica Villarreal in "Il Guarany" as well as props, hats and accessories.

The economy, briefly

When times are tough, economists have a strange way of gauging how desperate peo-



Alan Greenspan

ple are to save a few pennies. Former Federal Reserve Chairman and erudite

money man Alan Greenspan told National Public Radio that the sales in men's underwear are important indicators of how bad things are. He theorized that when people have to scrimp, they are less likely to buy new underwear because, unlike shirts and socks, underwear is one thing they can get away with recycling because it can't be seen.

Building on Mr. G's premise, our friends over at undies retailer freshpair.com have launched a new Web site called cheapundies.com, which offers a wide swath of labels such as Diesel, DKNY and, of course, Calvin Klein at nearly 75 percent off so the cash-strapped can still be sexy on the inside.

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