

Signals in the Static: **Monica Lewinsky** graduates from the London School of Economics. **Harrison Ford** (age 64) will star in the fourth *Indiana Jones* movie. **James Cameron** will direct *Avatar*, which will feature a combination of digital and human actors. **Madonna** designs clothes and accessories for Swedish fashion retailer H&M. Hip-Hop singer **Kelis** will promote Ford's Edge crossover vehicle. Indianapolis Colts' quarterback **Peyton Manning** appears in TV spots for Gatorade, DirectTV, MasterCard, Sony, and Reebok. Broadcast radio turns 100. Died: actor **Yvonne De Carlo**, 84, who played TV's **Lily Munster**; animator **Iwao Takamoto**, 81, who designed **Scooby-Doo** and characters on *The Flintstones* and *The Jetsons*.

Chicago's legendary **Jazz Showcase** club closes its doors after 59 years. Customers of the Dallas-based **Pizza Patrón** chain, which caters heavily to Latinos, will be able to purchase American pizzas with Mexican pesos. **Room Service**, a new nightclub in NYC's Flatiron District, features 9 curtained-off rooms furnished with couches, chandeliers, DVD player and a personal bartender/butler who will cater to each guest's every whim. Omaha's **Nomad Lounge** brings high-end global food and wines to Middle America.

DecoDent offers a line of temporary "tooth jewels" for children. **Pfizer** is considering an OTC version of **Viagra**, possibly delivered as a mouth spray. **Blue Investment Management**, a new mutual fund, invests only in companies that donate the majority of their political contributions to Democrats. A new video game, "**Left Behind: Eternal Forces**" (\$39.95) places players in a futuristic world where born-again Christians must use prayer to convert infidels or tanks and snipers to kill them.

Pay n' Pray: The **Mach 4 Baptist Church** in Lemon Grove, Washington, has sold wall space in their bathrooms to **Burger King**, the rims of their collection plates to **Hewlett-Packard**, and the backs of their pews to **JollyTime** popcorn. A pastor in Austin, Texas, is reportedly paid \$500 a week to wear **Tommy Hilfiger** at the lectern. **Colgate-Palmolive** offers \$150 for a single reference to any of their products by clergy, requiring only a videotape showing the remarks being made to a group of 100 or more people.

Food Trends: Bite-sized desserts (silver-dollar-size portions of crème brûlée or tiny wedges of cakes and pies), hemp "milk," "cheese," and oil, wines in boxes, Peruvian and Scandinavian cuisines, Japanese taverns called *izakayas*. **Duda Farm Fresh Foods** engineers celery stalks with hollow centers. These "celery straws" can flavor Bloody Marys through sipping.

Cloaking Device: Researchers at the U.S. Department of Energy's Ames Laboratory have developed a material with a negative refractive index for visible light, the first step in creating an "invisibility cloak." *Science*.

Mark Your Calendar: 2007 will see some significant anniversaries, including: 20 years since **Ronald Reagan** told **Mikhail Gorbachev** to tear down the Berlin Wall, 20 years since the stock market collapse of 1987, 50 years since the launch of the Chevrolet Bel Air convertible, 10 years since **Dolly the Sheep** was cloned, 20 years since the eradication of smallpox, 20 years since Prozac was introduced, 40 years since *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, 400 years since England's first permanent settlement in the U.S. (at Jamestown), and 50 years since the invention of the Piña Colada.