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4/18  
Rangers  
playoff tickets  
go on sale.

4/19  
Madeleine  
Albright, Tommy  
Lasorda receive  
Ellis Island  
Family Heritage  
Award.

4/20  
"Bad Musicals  
Festival" kicks off  
in East Village.

4/21  
Professional  
video-game league  
kicks off season with  
tournament at the  
Meadowlands.

4/21  
Ron Burkle  
hosts Hillary  
fund-raiser  
at his Beverly  
Hills pad.

4/21  
Annual FDNY  
vs. NYPD  
boxing matches  
for charity.



# Intelligencer

## Rupe & Ron's Neighborhood

Murdoch: "Isn't he my neighbor?" Right-o.

RON WHO? After catching wind of **Ron Burkle's** secretly taped meetings with **Jared Paul Stern**, *Post* editor-in-chief **Col Allan**, managing editor **Colin Myler**, and others met privately inside the News Corp. offices late on April 6 with chairman **Rupert Murdoch** to inform him of the looming scandal. The editors, according to the story circulating around the *Post* newsroom, first wanted to know if Murdoch had a secret history with Burkle, who sent their boss a personal letter to complain about "Page Six"'s swipes at him. Murdoch's response? "Isn't that guy my neighbor?" In fact, Murdoch's West Coast pad is only a few mansions down Angelo Drive in

Beverly Hills from Burkle's eight-bedroom estate. (A spokesman for Burkle described the two as "acquaintances.") One *Post* insider also says it was Murdoch who ordered the newspaper's editors to break the embarrassing Stern story on the *Post's* Website—before the *Daily News* could do it. A Murdoch spokesman didn't return calls. —*Geoffrey Gray*

## Kathleen Turner Overdrive!

Serial Mom sells self-help book.

MARTHA, THE miserable faculty wife of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, should be the last person you'd ask for life advice. But here it comes from **Kathleen Turner**, who's spent the past year as Martha, on Broadway



and now in London. Turner has just sold *Take the Lead, Lady*, a memoir structured around her life-lessons learned. (Agent **Karen Gantz Zahler** says the deal was in the "six figures.") On the phone from the West End, Turner offered details: "I've overcome so much. Rheumatoid arthritis almost stopped me a while back." How did she deal with the pain? "Exercise and some surgery. And we finally have wonderful medications. A few years ago the pain got so bad that I drank too much to kill it. I didn't realize

I was drinking too much until I got far into it." She adds that her own story, even at its booziest, is hardly Martha's. "Poor woman—in 1962, a woman of such intelligence, energy, and ambition didn't have a way of fulfilling herself. Thank God I've had a much more fruitful life." —*Greg Sargent*

## Russell Simmons On the Prowl

Downward-facing dawg!

JUST TWO weeks after **Russell Simmons** and wife **Kimora Lee** announced their separation, the 48-year-old has been enjoying a run of late nights that would put a younger man to shame. Last Monday, Simmons was seen exchanging numbers with actress-model **Estella Warren** at the "Angel Flight America" charity benefit at the Altman Building, after which he partied until closing at Butter with **Richie Akiva**. On Tuesday night, Simmons hung with **Lindsay Lohan** and crew at Downtown



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