

HIGHBROW

J.M.W. Turner **grandeur fatigue.**



The trio of **Santa-costumed rapists** in Bernd Alois Zimmermann's opera *Die Soldaten*.

The intense, Christmas-sex-criminal-free **last half-hour of *Die Soldaten*.**



Sara Mearns's **overdue promotion** to principal dancer at City Ballet.



Béla Tarr's epic **Sátántangó** rereleased on DVD. It's seven and a half hours long—but it'll feel like six and a half!

Missing footage from the original cut of Fritz Lang's *Metropolis* is **discovered dramatically in Argentina.**

Mark Morris's **underwhelming *Romeo and Juliet*.**



Robert De Niro wants to make **two sequels to *The Good Shepherd***, thus completing the Boredom Trilogy.



With the *Times*' William Rhoden having **left Centre Court to see *Hancock*...**

... **Nadal beats Federer** in a historic-thrilling-epic-etc. match.



All-**documentary Maysles Cinema** opens in Harlem.



Feeling an **obligation to say nice things about Jesse Helms.**



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Doverman's gorgeously melancholy covers of the ***Footloose* soundtrack.**

DESPICABLE

BRILLIANT

Spanish retailer Mango is **opening in Iraq.** Electricity: no. Sewage treatment: no. Miniskirts: yes.

Album sales fall **11 percent** in a year. Can sales figures actually go negative?



Starbucks to shutter branches; **public-bathroom crisis deepens.**

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game" turns 100.

The typically energetic Walkmen single "**In the New Year.**"



A two-part, **four-hour French gangster movie**, starring Vincent Cassel, is coming to America.

Girl Talk's ***Feed the Animals***: new technology put to old-school use.



Florida man bitten by a **poisonous pygmy rattlesnake** in the garden department at Wal-Mart.



Too many **sloppy kissing close-ups** in the *Bachelorette* finale.



So You Think You Can Dance Season Four continues a **tradition of excellence.**



The **skating and bike ramps** at the BAM Afro-Punk Block Party.



Whoever saw the ad for ***Baby Borrowers*** and thought, "Yes... *this is what I need to do with my newborn.*"

New Zealand rugby broadcast interrupted by **four minutes of hard-core porn**; meanwhile...



... Internet porn has seen an **"upswing in sales"** since Americans started getting stimulus checks. More like *upswing!*



Boyz II Men play B.B. King's this week, continuing a **tradition of making sweet love.**



Southwest kicks **an entire annoying family** off a flight.



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