

## Signs of a New African Virus

As if the accounts of the Asian bird flu aren't bad enough, infectious-disease SWAT teams from around the world have now swept into war-torn Angola, where an outbreak of a virus called Marburg hemorrhagic fever has infected at least 200 people and killed 173. It's the deadliest outbreak on record of the virus, which killed 123 in the Congo from 1998 to 2000. The disease, spread by body fluids, causes high fever, diarrhea, and uncontrolled bleeding—symptoms identical to its equally terrifying cousin, the Ebola virus. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has sent a team to help contain the contagion, which can lead to death from severe blood loss and shock. Its source re-



**THE FINAL CHAPTER.** Award-winning novelist Saul Bellow—known for his finely sculpted portraits of neurotic characters struggling in New York and Chicago—died last week at 89.

mains a mystery; there's no vaccine or treatment.

● *The one plus, if you can call it that: This virus kills very quickly, reducing its chance of spreading—if the bodies are properly handled.*

## Hate Your Pimp? Then Sue Him

Prostitution may be illegal, but that doesn't mean streetwalkers don't have rights. Just ask lawmakers

in Illinois, where the House unanimously passed legislation that allows harlots to sue their pimps for emotional and physical harm suffered on the job. "I've been kidnapped, tied up . . . raped . . . and only God helped," says Lucretia Clay, 40, who says she hooked for 20 years before becoming an activist and stay-at-home mom. Melissa Farley of the Prostitution Research and Education Center in San Francisco calls the bill "groundbreaking." Unlike similar laws in Minnesota, Florida, and Hawaii, this one wouldn't require strumpets to prove they were forced into hooking, only that those who controlled them caused physical, emotional, or financial harm.

● *Beware, pimps: The bill could be signed into law by month's end.*

## PEOPLE

# Hayden Grills Fonda

Show-business daughter, Oscar winner, political activist, workout maven, proud grandmother, corporate wife, philanthropist, born-again Christian: At age 67, Jane Fonda has done it all—and most of it in public. And still there are revelations in her autobiography, *My Life So Far*.

### Why write this book now?

I was approaching 60, and I realized this was going to be my last act. I decided that to do my last act properly I had to understand what the first two acts were about.

Over 30 years after your 1972 visit to North Vietnam, some still call you a traitor. You even "appeared" in the 2004 campaign in a photo doctored to show you with John Kerry. Yes, isn't it despicable? The right wing has done an incredible job creating an oversize myth that doesn't have so much to do with me as it does with them. I can't write with them in mind, but I very much did have in mind the regular

Vietnam veterans, who have every reason to feel hostile. I think their hostility against me is misdirected; it should be against the men who lied to them and sent them there. One reason I wrote so much about it is that I want to be part of the healing process. And a lot of veterans are healing. I get letters [that] say that they've forgiven me.

After years of eating disorders, you began your workout business. I was quite compulsive about it, but it was healthier than the food addiction. Eventually, I overcame the compulsiveness. But I really began it to fund the political organization my then husband—who shares your name—and I ran in California.

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The name has gotten me into trouble—the first letter in response to my first *U.S. News* article was somebody canceling his subscription because he thought I was your Tom Hayden. Goodness, I'm sorry!

People always ask me, "Hey, how's Jane?" What should I tell them?

[Laughs] Jane couldn't be better. Jane's never been happier, never felt better about myself, never felt more committed to making a difference in whatever way I can. —Thomas Hayden