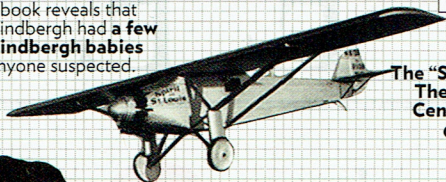


THE APPROVAL MATRIX

Our deliberately oversimplified guide to who falls where on our taste hierarchies.

HIGHBROW

- A new book reveals that Charles Lindbergh had a few more Lindbergh babies than anyone suspected.



The "Snapple Theater Center."



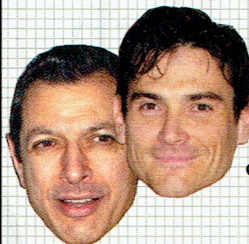
The New York Public Library's exhibit of vintage dance photos and films clips: A young Merce Cunningham, Alvin Ailey, and Gene Kelly, dancing with cartoons.

Mrs. Robinson, you seduced us.



Oprah anoints Faulkner as her book-club choice. Finally, his spirit can rest in peace.

A painting of a rose by noted master Marilyn Monroe sells for \$78,000.



Jeff Goldblum and Billy Crudup, still brilliant in *The Pillowman* despite Tony snubs.

The faux-subway-stop installation **End Station**, closing for good on July 1.

Days after winning a Tony, *La Cage Aux Folles* announces it's closing.



Humidity.

Heat.



The bizarre but compelling **Little Suckers** at the Ohio Theater: Think *Proof*, with leeches.

Bresson's profound masterpiece **Au Hasard Balthazar** on DVD.



DESPICABLE

Who wanted a West Side stadium anyway?

- Or the Super Bowl.
- Or the Olympics.

BRILLIANT



Barbara Walters, lactaphobe.

The disquieting suspicion that the Yankees really are this bad.



- Tom Hodgkinson's pleasing ode to summertime sloth, **How to Be Idle**.
- Andrew Wagner's quirky New York film, **The Talent Given Us**, starring his own family.

The Mammals mark the 40th anniversary of Arlo Guthrie's **Alice's Restaurant** with a free concert at Rockefeller Park, 6/15.

Shunning the trend toward indie auteurs, Fox fingers hack-for-hire **Brett Ratner** to helm the next *X-Men* film.



Russell Crowe, throwing tantrums at the Mercer Hotel.

Russell Crowe, throwing punches in *Cinderella Man*.



The **Queer Eye** Bosox makeover.

Six Feet Under's Brenda-Lisa showdown.

Sylvester Stallone's "High Protein Pudding."

Disney prudes digitally reduce Lindsay Lohan's breasts in *Herbie: Fully Loaded*.



The outside chance of a special edition **Herbie: Fully Breasted** DVD.



No-Shuffleboard Zone: Bill O'Reilly's "Battle for American Values" ocean cruise canceled due to poor response.



The terrific **New York Asian Film Festival**. Highlight: *Godzilla: Final Wars*.

LOWBROW