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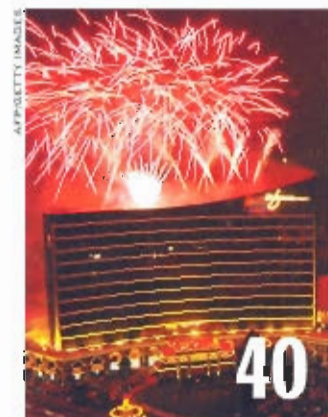
Democrats made rivals Pelosi, far left, and Hoyer their top two House leaders



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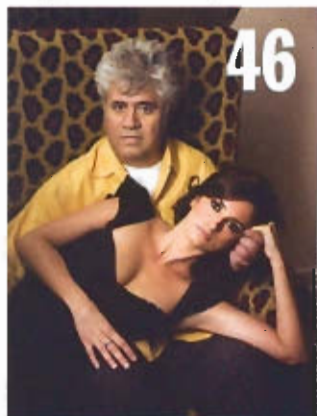
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Pope Benedict XVI is not one to shy away from controversy. In September, he broached the issue of Islam and violence, igniting an angry backlash in the Muslim world. Next week, the Pope visits the largely Muslim country of Turkey, a mission that could help heal the rift between two faiths—or add fuel to the fire of religious intolerance



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