

4 | TO OUR READERS

6 | INBOX

15 | POSTCARD: PAKISTAN



**Benazir Bhutto** Pakistan awaits her return, page 15

**BRIEFING**

**9 | THE MOMENT** Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen soups up the search for ET

**10 | DASHBOARD** The art of repairing a Monet; building a bionic bug; pictures of the week

**11 | SPOTLIGHT** British Prime Minister Gordon Brown misplays his first election call

**12 | VERBATIM** Meryl Streep talks politics; Pakistan's President claims victory at the polls; a DNA pioneer's plan for artificial life

**13 | PEOPLE** Prince Harry gets potted; Christina Aguilera faces pregnancy rumors; a former Beach Boy's pas de deux

**14 | MILESTONES**

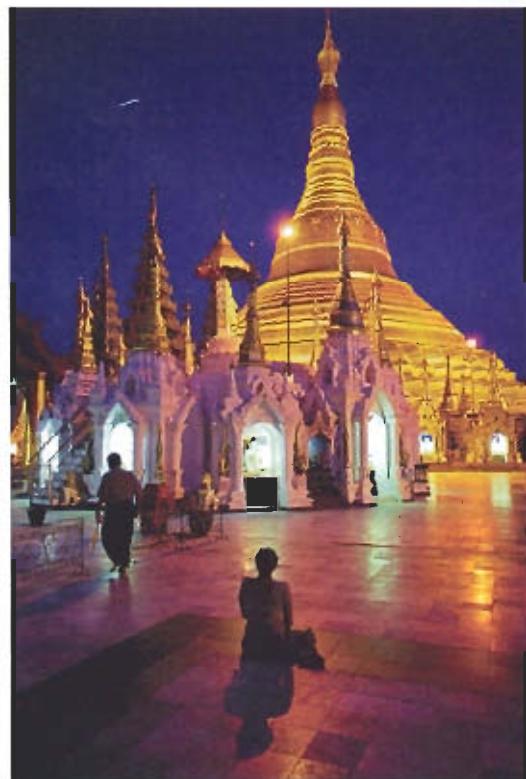
**COMMENTARY**

**16 | SAMANTHA POWER** Why can't the world mobilize to stop human-rights abuses? Blame Chinese reticence and eroded U.S. moral authority

**Christina Aguilera Xtina expecting?** Page 13



PAGE | 4 | 9 | 16 | 18 | 33 | 39 | 54



**Praying for peace** Inside Burma's protests, page 18

On the cover: Photograph by London-Media/Polaris. Insets, from left: Geoff Robins—AFP/Getty Images; Jerry Lai—AP; Miramax/Courtesy Everett Collection

**THE WELL**

**COVER STORY**

**18 | ASIA: BURMA** **Burma's Darkest Hour** A TIME reporter's eyewitness account of Burma's pro-democracy uprising—and the bloody crackdown that silenced it

**26 | ASIA: CHINA** **Exporting Inflation** A spike in Chinese domestic prices could mean higher costs for consumers worldwide

**28 | UNITED STATES** **A Presidential Primer** Sizing up the applicants for America's top job

**30 | BUSINESS** **Green at Last** General Motors rejoins the hybrid auto race

**32 | ENVIRONMENT** **Dirty Business** To fuel its boom, Vietnam turns to coal

**LIFE**

**33 | SOCIETY** **Illegal** poachers are tracking game in a new habitat: the U.S. suburbs

**34 | FASHION** Designers take their cue from artists and architects

**36 | GOING GREEN** Almost everyone now accepts that climate change is real. They just can't agree what to do about it

**37 | HEALTH** Blood transfusions save lives. But can they also put patients at risk?



**GLOBAL BUSINESS**

**39 | AEROSPACE** Can a regional jet get China's aircraft industry off the ground?

**42 | TOP BUSINESS TEAMS** How Nike and Apple combined to reinvent the running shoe

**ARTS**

**45 | MOVIES** He was a star, then a punch line. Now, Ben Affleck isn't laughing anymore

**48 | BOOKS** A new face for India's disenfranchised

**Ben Affleck** From *Gigli* to serious director, page 45

**54 | ESSAY** Mario Capecchi's journey from homeless Italian street kid to Nobel-winning geneticist

TIME Asia is published by TIME Asia (Hong Kong) Limited. Four double issues a year are published. Each counts as two of 34 issues in an annual subscription. TIME Asia may also publish occasional extra issues. © 2007 Time Asia (Hong Kong) Limited. All rights reserved. Reproduction in whole or in part without written permission is prohibited. TIME and the Red Border Design are protected through trademark registration in the U.S. and in the countries where TIME magazine circulates. Member, Audit Bureau of Circulations. Subscribers: If the postal services alert us that your magazine is undeliverable, we have no further obligation unless we receive a corrected address within two years. CUSTOMER SERVICE AND SUBSCRIPTIONS: For 24/7 service, please use our website: time.com/asiacustomerservice. You may also contact our Customer Services Center at (852) 3128-5688, or e-mail enquiries@timeasia.com or write Time Asia (Hong Kong) Limited, 30/F, Oxford House, Taikoo Place, 979 King's Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong. (In Japan: enquiries can be made to 0120-606-236 or customerjapan@timeinc.com or Roppongi Hills PD, Box 58, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-6134.) Mailing list: We make a portion of our mailing list available to reputable firms. If you would prefer that we not include your name, please contact our Customer Services Center. TIME Asia is edited in Hong Kong and printed in Singapore and Hong Kong. Singapore MCA (P) No. 177/10/2006. Malaysia KODV permit no. PPS 678/4/2008. Worldwide publisher: Ed McCamick.