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■ Art imitates life (and life imitates art) in Stages' hilarious production of *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*. **PAGE E2**

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# OPPOSITES ATTRACT



**KEN HOFFMAN**

## Weiner is guilty of stupidity

**T**HERE is a scene in *Seinfeld* where Jerry suspects that his dentist Tim Whatley converted to Judaism "for the jokes."

Jerry confides this to Father Curtis in a confessional.

The priest asks, "And this offends you as a Jewish person?"

"No, it offends me as a comedian."

That's how I feel about U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner's sleazy cybersex-talk scandal. It doesn't offend me as a citizen or a voter or a human being.

It offends me as a writer.

I expect elected officials to hit on anything in a skirt ... or a tight pair of pants. But did you read Rep. Weiner's tweets and emails to those women? Not funny. Not clever. Not creative. Too nerdy.

Weiner says all of his shenanigans took place on Twitter and Facebook.

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**PIPING HOT**: Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel trimmed swimsuits with alternating black and white piping.

## IT'S ALL THERE IN BLACK AND WHITE

By **JOY SEWING**  
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In a season overflowing with bold color and global prints, simplicity is coming on surprisingly strong — in black and white.

Consider it the yin and yang of summer.

It's a minimal look that brings a crisp and refreshing change of pace.

Black-and-white pairings are sophisticated classics that appear on runways season after season.

Chanel, Carolina Herrera, Please see **OPPOSITES**, Page E3



**THOMAS CONCORDIA**: GETTY IMAGES

**SILHOUETTE**: A look from Oscar de la Renta's 2012 Resort Collection.

**< ELEGANCE**: Agate diamond cross bracelet, \$1,873. **DEVILLE FINE JEWELRY**



**ALEXANDRA KNIGHT**

**FRESH**: Alexandra Knight's Delano tote with white ostrich and black matte alligator trim, \$7,995.



**DOLCE & GABBANA**

**BLACK EYES**: Dolce & Gabbana sunglasses, \$360, at Dolce & Gabbana stores and Neiman Marcus.



**< STEP OUT**: Actress Tang Wei skips the bold colors of the season.

## Swishahouse reflects changing music industry

■ Hip-hop label celebrates its past and looks to future

By **ANDREW DANSBY**  
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The office of Swishahouse, the local hip-hop label, bears little of the opulence of the diamond-laden medallions the label gives to its family of rappers. The unassuming building off FM 1960 has worn gray carpet. There's a bench press in the front



**BRANDON HOLLEY**

**NEW AUDIENCE**: Rapper Lil Keke performs at the 2011 Free Press Summer Fest.

room, and around one corner, a baby sleeps in a Pack 'n Play. The building houses a small recording

studio and several offices with minimal décor, save a few framed platinum

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