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## Meet Our Video Blogger in India!

When we found out that Victor Feldman, a 15-year-old from Spencertown, New York, was going to live in India this fall with his father, a filmmaker, and his mother, a composer, we had a bright idea: send Victor out with a camera to be *Upfront's* first video blogger. The Feldmans are living in Pune, a city in western India, where Victor's mom is studying Indian music, and Victor is a sophomore at an international school. Over the next few months, Victor will produce a monthly video blog on our website, offering the perspective of an American teenager on one of the oldest—and most rapidly changing—societies in the world. With 1.2 billion people and an exploding economy, India is transforming itself from a largely agrarian nation into an industrial powerhouse. "I want to carry my camera around wherever I go," says Victor, to capture things "students in the States can relate to." He hopes to blog about topics like teen life, fashion, sports, pop culture, and arranged marriage. Follow his blog at [www.upfrontmagazine.com](http://www.upfrontmagazine.com) •

**Victor Feldman** is our teen on the scene in India.

## NUMBERS IN THE NEWS

# \$74,000

**COST** of a two-week luxury vacation for dogs in the U.K. The package includes private suite, personal chef, and surfing lessons on the English Channel.

SOURCE: THE DAILY MAIL (U.K.)



# 1,142

**NUMBER** of calories in the new "Mega Potato" at McDonald's Japan. The heaping three-quarter-pound serving of french fries is McDonald's highest calorie item ever.

SOURCE: JAPAN TODAY

# 33.7

**NUMBER** of hours per week U.S. men spend on leisure activities like watching TV and playing sports—five hours more than women do.

SOURCE: PEW RESEARCH CENTER

# 105

**AGE** of New Zealand's oldest driver. Licensed since 1925, he says he's gotten just one traffic ticket.

SOURCE: THE DAILY MAIL (U.K.)

# \$948,000

**AMOUNT** paid at auction in France for the diamond and sapphire engagement ring Napoleon Bonaparte gave to Empress Joséphine in 1796.

SOURCE: FORBES MAGAZINE

EARLY AMERICA

## Colonial Cannibals?

**D**id the desperate English settlers of Jamestown resort to eating human remains to survive the brutal winter of 1609? Written accounts have long had historians wondering, but now archaeologists have found the first physical evidence of cannibalism at the Virginia settlement. The cut marks on the skull and skeleton of a 14-year-old girl excavated last year from a trash pit in Jamestown suggest that her flesh and brain were removed, presumably to be eaten. It's unclear how the girl died, but she seems to have been dead and buried before her remains were butchered. An analysis of her bones indicates she ate a high-protein diet, so she was probably the daughter of a gentleman rather than a servant. The winter of 1609 was a dark time. Suffering from disease and famine, and under attack by Powhatan Indians, only 60 of the 214 original settlers from Plymouth, England, survived the winter. "Notheinge was Spared to mainteyne Lyfe," George Percy, the president of Jamestown, later wrote, "and to doe those things which seame incredible, as to digge upp deade corpses out of graves and to eat them." •



A depiction of Jamestown and a recreation (below) of the girl whose remains were likely eaten in 1619

