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STILL NIMBLE AT 40 The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater returned for its 40th season at New York's City Center on Nov. 30 under a new artistic director, Robert Battle, its first since famed choreographer Judith Jamison took over following Ailey's death in 1989. Among the troupe's latest productions is *Home*, a hip-hop routine that celebrates people affected by HIV, appropriately set to premiere on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1.

MOVIES

A Turning Point for NC-17?

If the sexually explicit *Shame* is able to transform critical love into Oscar glory, it could put an end to (or at least temper) theaters' and advertisers' aversion to NC-17 films.



Showgirls was tagged for nudity and sexual situations

Belgian mockumentary *Man Bites Dog* was cited for extreme violence

1990's *Henry & June* was the first film to get an NC-17 rating

Bad Lieutenant got an NC-17 rating for sexual violence and heavy drug use

Shame



VERBATIM

'It feels like a character I created 30 years ago has somehow escaped the realm of fiction.'

ALAN MOORE, graphic novelist, on Occupy Wall Street protesters' wearing the Guy Fawkes mask he popularized in *V for Vendetta*; Moore added that while writing it, he secretly hoped the ideas in the story would "actually make an impact"

3 THINGS YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THIS WEEK

1. Working on that book proposal. Because it won't matter! All your book-advance money has been taken by Pippa Middleton, whose guide on how to be a great hostess was picked up for a reported \$600,000.

2. The direction of Daniel Radcliffe's career. It's all over the place—a good thing for the *Harry Potter* star, who is finishing up a starring role on Broadway and just signed up to play Beat poet Allen Ginsberg in an upcoming film.

3. Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Those phrases have been retired for the next 12 months.