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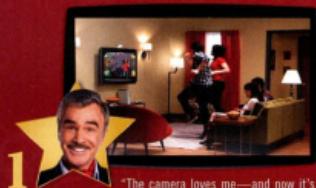
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—Burt Reynolds, Handsome Actor



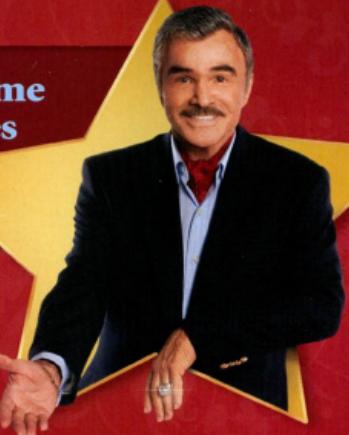
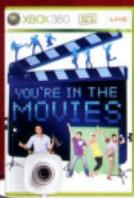
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"The camera loves me—and now it's going to love you. It's a camera that films you while you're playing. Stand in front of it. I do. A lot. I love it. The camera's included with the game. I love that, too."



2

"I don't have to audition, but you're not me. No one is. Don't worry, though—you don't have to audition either. You're going to get in the movies by playing a few of these 45 crazy mini-games while the camera rolls."



The best thing in life is being in the movies. That's why I'm making it my personal mission to put YOU in the movies...with the best video game about being in the movies I've ever seen—You're in the Movies™! But don't take my word for it just because I'm Burt Reynolds, handsome movie star and beloved film legend—just look at these unsolicited testimonials!



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"Those clips get dropped into one of these 30 movies, and now you've got a masterpiece you can share online with friends and fans. Remember, an actor acts, but a movie star gets in the movies."

Come see me, Burt Reynolds, on the Internet and I'll personally show you how to be in the movies. Drop by xbox.com/YITM

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Mild Violence

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XBOX 360.



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THE BRITISH ARE COMING (AND GOING)

Every three years I get to go to America on vacation, and when I do go, I try to buy as many MAD issues as I can. This year when I came over, I was really disheartened because I only got to buy two of your great issues. I was there for two months, so it's understandable, but I think you should publish MAD more often, like every two weeks. I mean, if newspapers can publish every day, why can't magazines? (And newspapers are boring anyway.) If you can't publish more often, at least bring MAD over to the UK, everyone will love it, I know I do. One of the issues I brought back managed to entertain my whole class through our really boring and long history lesson (our teacher's only got one eye — one's glass, it's weird). This letter won't get to you in a while, cause of the distance, but thanks for the summer issues, guys!

Matthew Priestly, Surrey, England

Judas Priestly — We like to help out our readers however we can. But the readers we like best are the ones that help themselves. Normally we'd be happy to alter our entire publishing schedule and double our workload for the entire year in order to please a fan, however, maybe (and once again, we're going out on a limb here) there's an easier solution to your problem. Perhaps you can just subscribe to MAD and have it delivered to you. There's about 14 subscription cards in this issue for that very reason. You know, Matty, it's this "take take take" attitude of you Brits that led the Americans to kick some crumpets and haul ass out of Jolly 'Ol England to begin with! —Ed.

MAD BLURBS

At the annual Alfred E. Smith dinner in New York City, then-Presidential candidate Barack Obama gave a shout out to MAD's own loser mascot Alfred E. Neuman. Astonishingly, Obama won — despite their shared physical deformity!

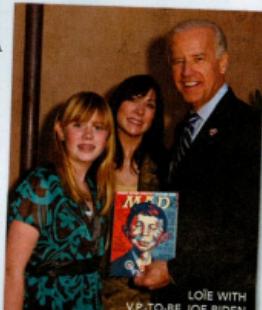


MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS SPECIAL ELECTION EXTRAVAGANZA

Hey! I got this snap of Joe Biden at an Obama fundraiser in Piedmont, CA. When I asked him to hold the magazine he hesitated, making sure it wasn't *Playboy*. He also told me, and I quote, "No boys until you're 30." I'm not sure if he was kidding.

Loïe Plautz,
San Francisco, CA

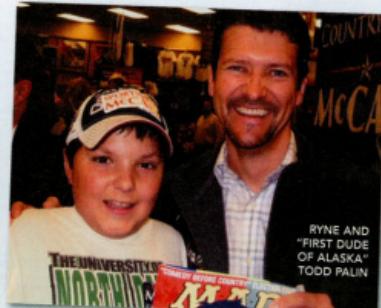
Burning Down The
Ploutz — "No boys
until you're 30?"
Huh. Too bad he
didn't get a chance
to offer that sage
advice to Sarah
"Grandma" Palin's
daughter! —Ed.



When I heard that Alaskan Governor and Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin's husband, Todd Palin, was coming to a rally in Moorhead, MN, I just about crapped out a kitten! We don't get very many celebrities up in this neck of the woods, so I decided to bring a MAD to the rally. I am your biggest (and probably youngest) fan at the age of 12, and I was hoping to get a three-year subscription, so I can save my allowance for a big case of cheese for my dad's Christmas present.

Ryne Kisch, Barnesville, MN

Kisch Me Deadly — Congratulations! Looks like your dad is getting some Christmas cheese this year! Unlike Todd, who's back to chowing down on blubber back home in Alaska! Enjoy your three-year subscription — you betcha! —Ed.



TATTOO REGRET?

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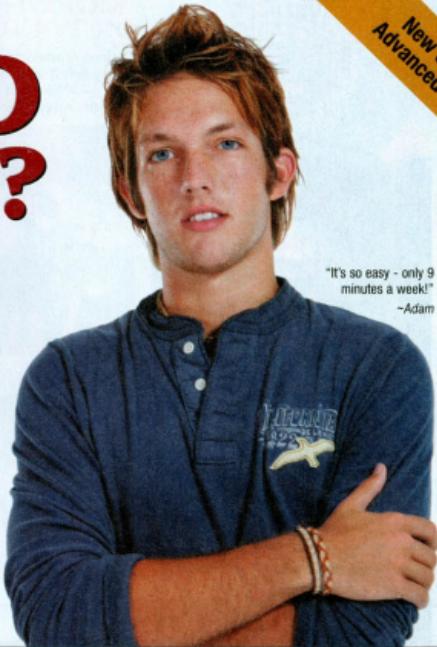


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MORE HANG FOR YOUR BUCK

In MAD #495 we asked readers to hang the Alfred campaign poster anywhere they felt it would help garner Alfred votes! Fat lot of good it did — Alfred lost yet again! Below are some of the best we received (amazingly, no arrests resulted)!



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WILKES-BARRE, PA



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NEWMARKET, NH



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EAST MEADOW, NY



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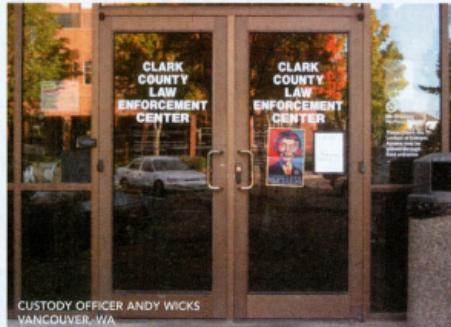
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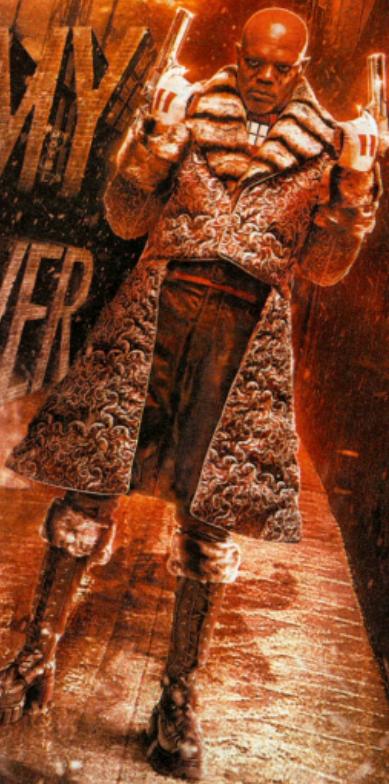
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- Withdrawal slips require a 50-word essay on "Exactly why you want this money"
- Online banking website says: "Closed for routine maintenance, check back in six months"
- There's now a \$5 cover charge to enter the ATM's vestibule
- They offer you an incredible 20% interest rate on a long term CD, provided you don't touch the money for 100 years
- The homeless guy living in the ATM looks suspiciously like the bank manager
- Your monthly statement is replaced with a hand-written I.O.U.
- You catch the teller trying to pull the old "two tens for a five" routine on you



\$ The bank's vault has now been converted into an illegal sub-let

VIDEO GAME REVIEW

Guitar Tech Hero

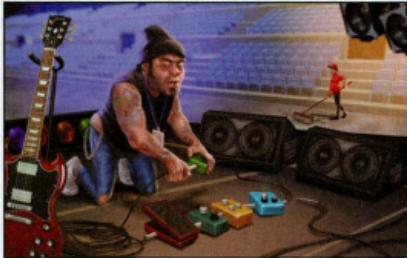
If a video game series wants to remain popular, it has to adapt. Think *Mario Brothers* to *Mario Kart*, *Madden '08* to *Madden '09*, and *Bugertime 2: Zombie Apocalypse*.

And Craphvision's massively popular *Guitar Hero* is no different. Unlike previous versions where gamers got to just play along to guitar classics — players can now actually TUNE the guitars that play the guitar classics in the newest game, *Guitar Tech Hero*.

The competition starts with the "Tune-up Showdown," where gamers can repeatedly hit up to 12 notes, including A-flat and B-minor — the foundations of many of the hard-rocking classics available on the other *Guitar Hero* games!

Master that and you'll move to the "Maintenance Round," where you can change broken strings, tighten whammy bars, clean frets, and even polish the guitar's body!

In between stages there are bonus rounds — like identifying what the hell Slash got all over his axe at last night's after-party or figuring out how to zip Lenny Kravitz into his skin-tight leather pants. It's all in a day's work for a *Guitar Tech Hero*!



Just as sports games like *Madden* let you choose from different stadiums, *Guitar Tech Hero* offers a variety of rock venues to tune-up in! Unfortunately, wherever you pick, you only see the same two audiences — a pre-show group of disinterested sound engineers or a showtime crowd of furious, drunken concertgoers. (Their curse-filled jeers are what helped earn the game its "M for Mature" rating.)

Using the same technology as *Halo*, players can also go online to battle "tekkies" around the world and see who rocks sound-check the hardest! (So far there have been no takers.)

Like past versions of *Guitar Hero*, the newest installment lets you face off against real guitar gods! The new "Legends" mode lets you play against legendary axe-men like Jimi Hendrix and Duane Allman — well, not them, but their drugged up, long-gone techies.

It's far from Craphvision's best offer, but hopes are still high for their other big release for 2008 — *NBA Live: The Ballboys*.



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CHINA'S POISONED PRODUCTS: There's Something About Dairy

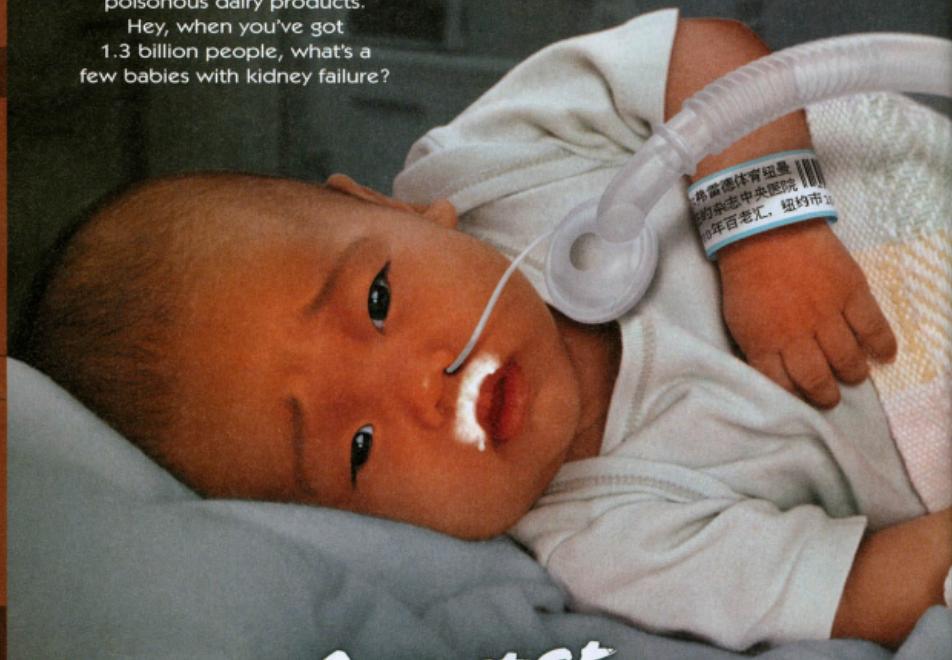
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It's almost cliché now that everything you buy these days is made in China. But the new cliché is that everything made in China just might kill you. Even if you avoided 2007's tainted toys, toothpaste and pet food, you now have to watch out for dairy products, eggs, and even edible sex toys (no joke!) spiked with the hazardous chemical melamine. It seems like China still needs to learn one of the basics of economics — don't kill your customers. Unless, of course, coffins are also made in China, in which case this might just be part of a giant, diabolical business plan.

"Quality control" isn't a phrase
you hear much in my country.

No, China is a country
best known for hazardous toys,
tainted pet foods and, most recently,
poisonous dairy products.

Hey, when you've got
1.3 billion people, what's a
few babies with kidney failure?



CHINESE
got milk?

THE MASSACHUSETTS TEEN PREGNANCY PACT: An Expanding Student Body

High school is a time when students set serious goals. They save up for their first car. Or work to get into their dream college. Or make a pact with their friends agreeing that they'll all get pregnant. At least that's what happened in Gloucester, MA, where 17 girls (many of them younger than 16) all ditched homeroom for the delivery room. It's unclear why they wanted to get stretch marks before they even got their final marks, but at this rate they'll be achieving a new goal — being the only great-grandmothers at their 10-year reunion.

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GIRLS

THE GLOUCESTER HIGH
SCHOOL BOARD

A 24-YEAR-OLD
HOMELESS GUY

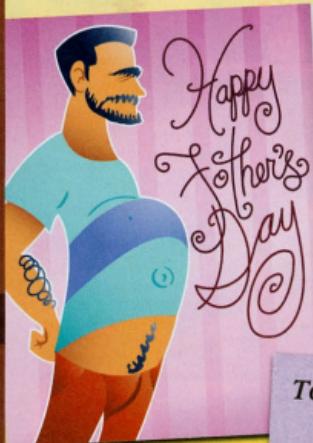


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THE PREGNANT MAN: What Not to Expect When You're Expecting

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This year we learned of the world's first pregnant man. After what had to be rather delicate gender reassignment surgery, Tracy Lagondino legally became Thomas Beatie. But Tracy must have had lousy medical coverage, because even after the operation, he still had Tracy's plumbing. Using a syringe from a vet, Thomas and his/her wife, Nancy, used donor sperm to get himself/herself pregnant. (We'll pause now, to give you a chance to go "eww!") Now dad is mom — or is mom, dad? And we won't even venture to guess what the poor kid would call the anonymous donor should they ever meet up! We're sure a second pregnant man is just around the corner. And we're equally sure it's just a matter of time before Hallmark launches another line of specialty cards!

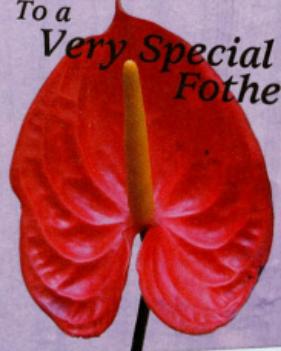


To dearest Mom
Or is it Dad?
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Right from wrong,
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And something even bigger
Than those guys down at the dock.
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Your giant, throbbing heart.

I've never been that smart,
But it doesn't take a genius
To see you have an extra part —
And shouldn't have a penis.
I think your operation
Should have been forbidden,
But since you had it, all I ask is
Please, mom, keep it hidden.

O.J. SIMPSON: Man of Steal

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O.J. Simpson has had a long and interesting career. He's been a professional football player, a commercial pitchman, even a movie actor. But of course, the thing he's **BEST** known for is being a criminal defendant! So it was only a matter of time before he reprised that role! This time, he was on trial for kidnapping, burglary and assault with a deadly weapon — all in an attempt to get back some sports memorabilia. (Geez — hasn't he ever heard of eBay?) Now that he's facing life in prison, O.J. is tackling a new role — inmate. Many would say it's the part he was born to play.



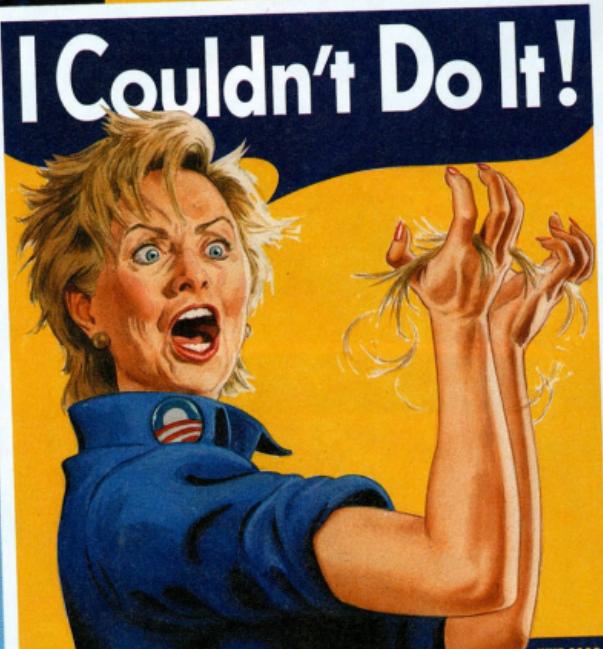
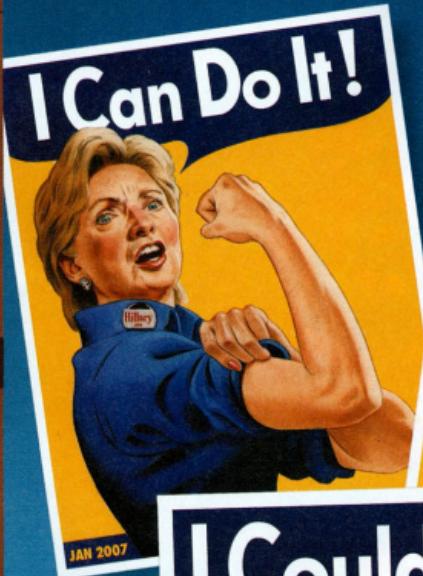
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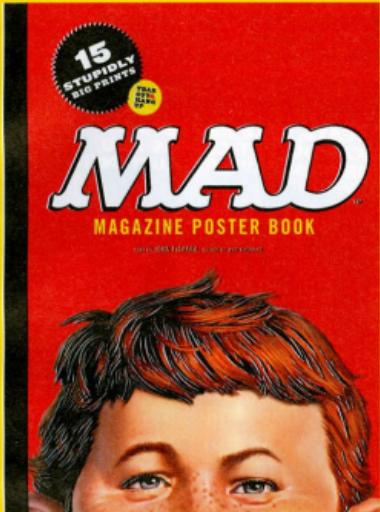
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HILLARY'S CAMPAIGN FOR THE WHITE HOUSE: Thar She Blows It

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Going into the 2008 presidential campaign, the only thing bigger than Hillary Clinton's ambition was her grating sense of entitlement to the Democratic nomination for President. More heavily favored than the Patriots were in the last Super Bowl, Hil found a way to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory just like the losers from New England. But at least they had the sense to stop playing when the game was over. Confusing determination with delusion, Madame Clinton pressed on in the primaries until the awful truth finally sank in: Monica Lewinsky was no longer the only one in Bill's life who "blew it"!



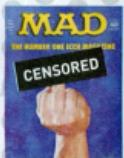


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CHRONICLE BOOKS

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Celebrity parents — aren't they the best? Sharon Stone wanted to inject botox into her son's feet to fight foot odor. Stupid, right? But is it any more stupid than starring in *Basic Instinct 2*? Billy Ray Cyrus happily stood by and watched as a photographer took creepily erotic photos of his 15-year-old daughter. Why not! He's the same guy who decided a frosted-tipped mullet and a soul patch was a good look! In Hollywood you have to audition before you get the job. Too bad Tinseltown doesn't have that same requirement for being a parent.

Bad Parenting

BRITNEY SPEARS



HOW I TOOK BACK MY CAREER
BY GIVING UP MY KIDS!

SHARON STONE



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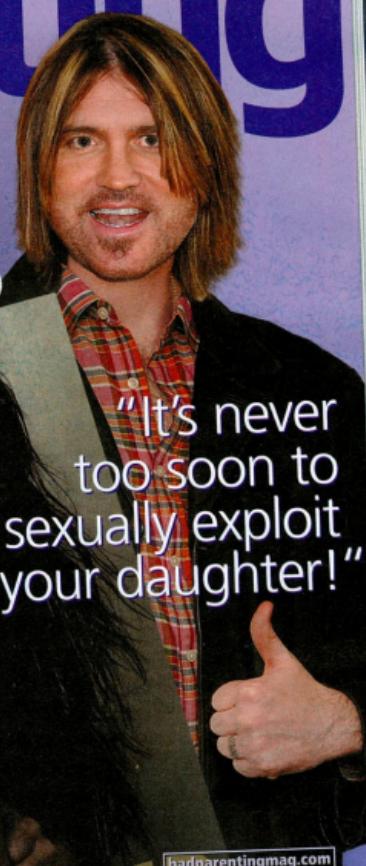


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REV. JOHN HAGEE: Madman of the Cloth

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Call us crazy, but when we think of clergymen we think of individuals of outstanding moral caliber who, taking a page from the Good Book, never speak ill of others. Like we said: call us crazy. But definitely not as crazy as the hate-spewing, anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic and anti-gay Reverend John Hagee. So deluded is this "holy man" that he actually thought his endorsement would help John McCain. For a while, McCain was deluded enough to think that too. And by the time he got around to renouncing Hagee's support, his candidacy had already gone to hell!

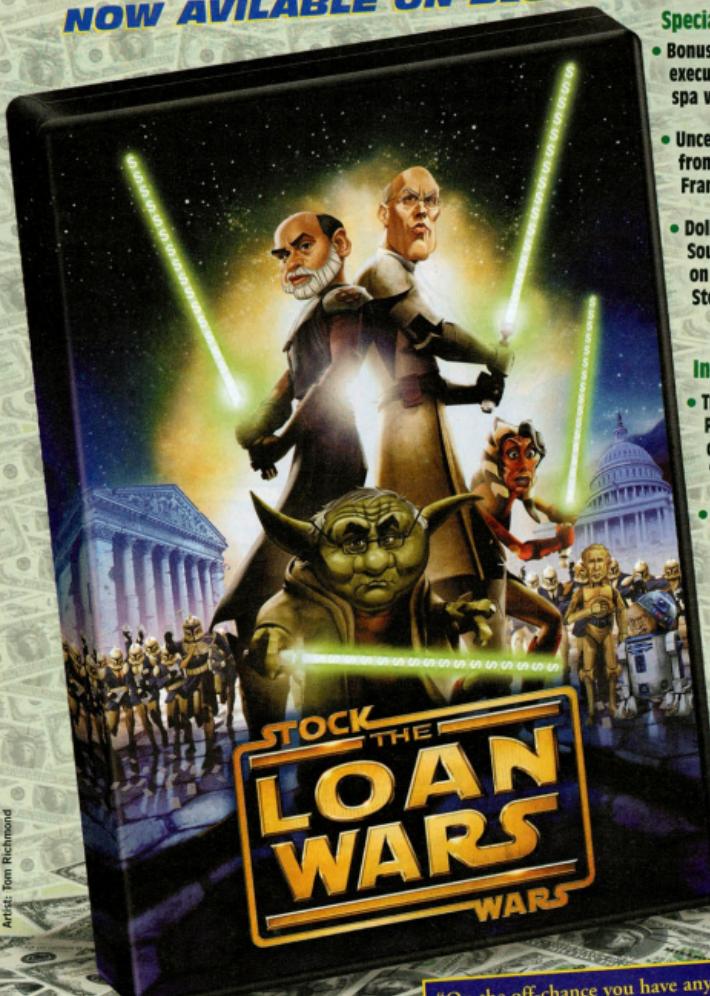


THE ECONOMIC COLLAPSE: Saved by the Bail

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It is a period of financial crisis. Subprime mortgages have been defaulted on throughout the land, wreaking havoc on the American empire. During the horrific downturn in the market, Congress, the President, the Fed, the SEC and the Treasury Department all managed to show poor leadership before finally settling on the ultimate least-of-all-evils, a \$700 BILLION BAILOUT PACKAGE — enough money to do little more than provide pork for select Congressional districts as the Dow still roller-coastered and corporate executives continued to live the high life. Scored by an increasingly outraged public, Ben Bernanke, Henry Paulson, Nancy Pelosi, Barney Frank, and President Bush, the supposed custodians of the economy, incompetently scramble to point fingers and salvage their reputations as the financial catastrophe continues to spread, and citizens' savings go up in flames...

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This past year, everyone's favorite strung-out songstress, Amy Winehouse, took time off from being creative to focus, instead, on being destructive. And, boy, was she prolific! She assaulted a man, attempted to bribe her husband's way out of prison, got caught on camera smoking crack (allegedly) and was filmed singing an offensive ditty about minorities, homosexuals and the disabled (at least it wasn't "Rehab" for the billionth freakin' time). It makes us wonder if her next full-house appearance will be at a funeral home.

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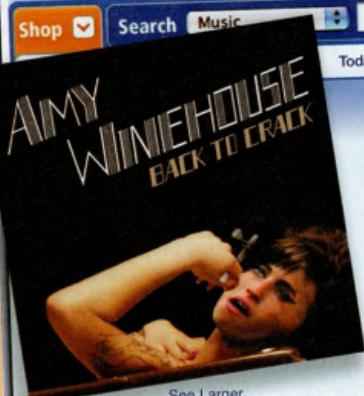
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By Britney S. (Malibu, CA/Kentwood, LA)

— See all my lady parts as I exit a car

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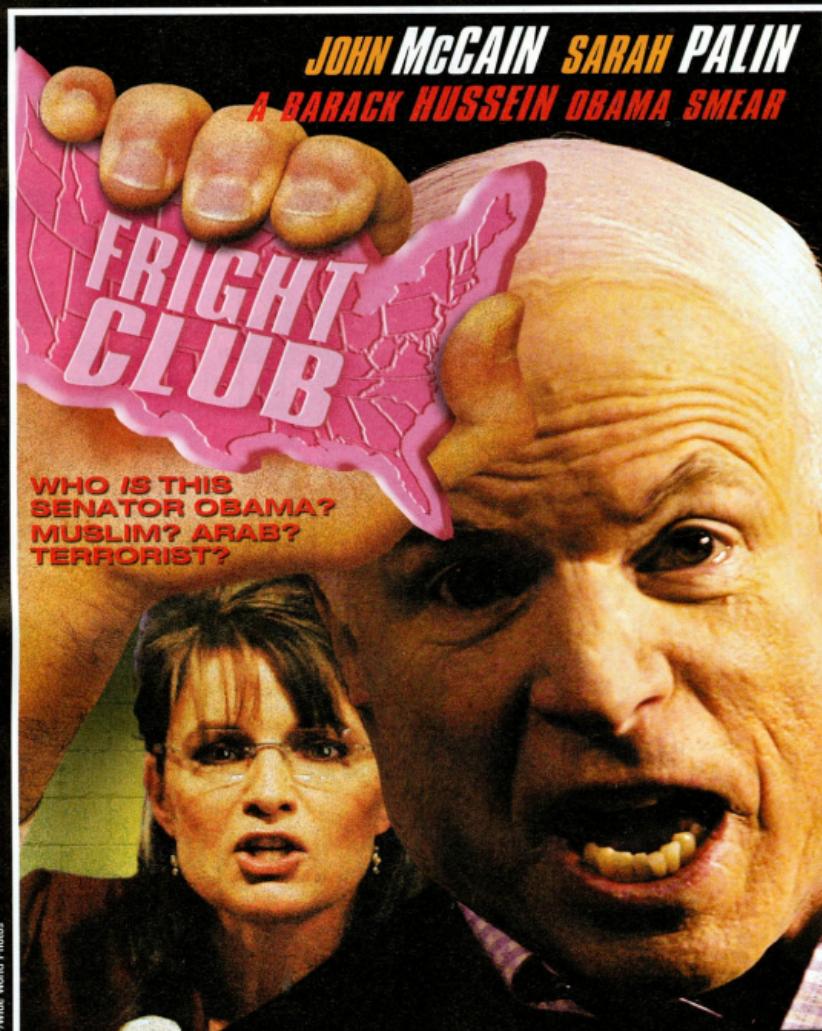
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JOHN MCCAIN'S UGLY CAMPAIGN: Smear, There and Everywhere

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It couldn't have been easy for the McCain/Palin campaign to keep coming up with new mud to sling at Barack Obama when their previous mud failed to stick. "Barack HUSSEIN OBAMA!" "He's different!" "He doesn't share our values!" "He pals around with terrorists!" "He wants to teach sex education to kindergarteners!" "He's a Socialist!" "He's a Muslim!" Soon supporters at GOP rallies were shouting, "He's a terrorist!" and "Kill him!" Even though the scare tactics didn't work and McCain lost by a wide electoral margin, in his concession speech the Arizona Senator said he was "proud of his campaign." That may have been the scariest thing of all!



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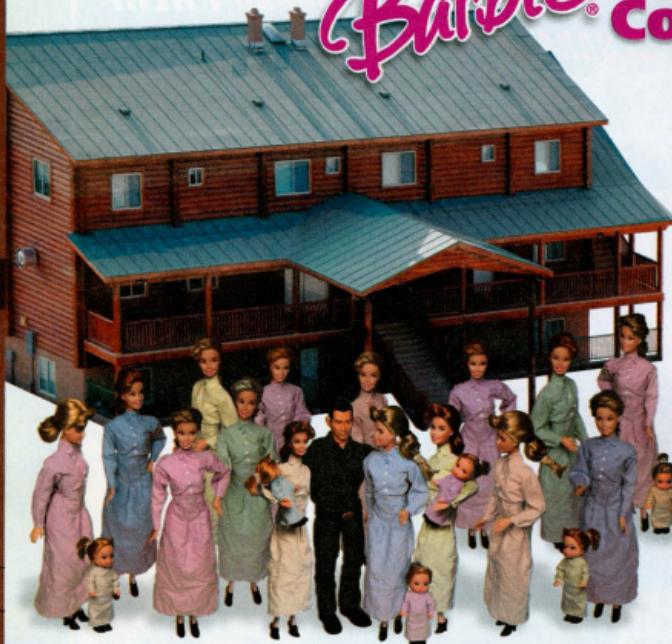
TEXAS POLYGAMY WIVES: The Joy of Sects

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The Mormon Church renounced polygamy over a century ago, but Warren Jeffs and his cult of misogynist wackos kick it "old school." Jeffs and over 50 of his deranged pals took 133 wives and spawned about 400 children. After a 16-year-old girl called the cops claiming that she was being abused by her "husband," over-zealous authorities, swept in and took the kids into custody, only to be ordered by a judge to send them back to the crazy compound soon afterwards. Now, the sect is doing a brisk business selling their handmade, schoolmarm-like fashions online (seriously!) and our guess is that it won't be long before they expand into the toy market.

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You know what I say? Not God Bless America — I say God DAMN America!"

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Plenty, man. I was just in Paris. You know what they call a Quarter Pounder with Cheese over there? They call it a "Royale with Cheese."

"Royale with Cheese."

That's right.

You know what I call you supporting my campaign?

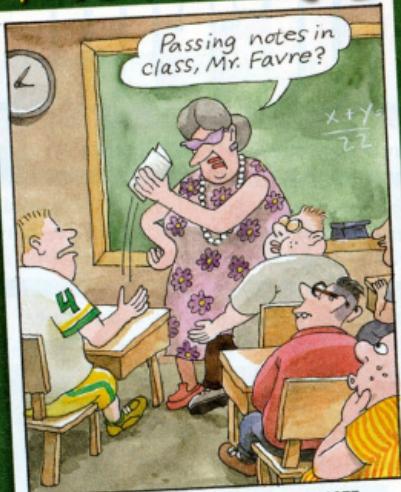
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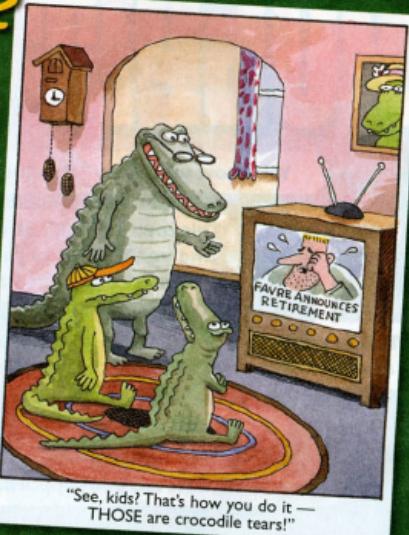


To understand Brett Favre's bizarre retirement game plan, you need John Madden's magic pen and board — and a psychologist specializing in ego management. Soon after the wrinkled quarterback cried his eyes out at a press conference, he decided that he had more key interceptions to throw and insisted on playing. When Packers coach Mike McCarthy balked because he'd made a commitment to a player who actually has a future, Brett cried like a weasel that he was being mistreated. It remains a mystery why a man of Favre's "stature" would opt for a winter of getting sacked repeatedly over the thrill of playing chicken with a tractor and hunting squirrels.

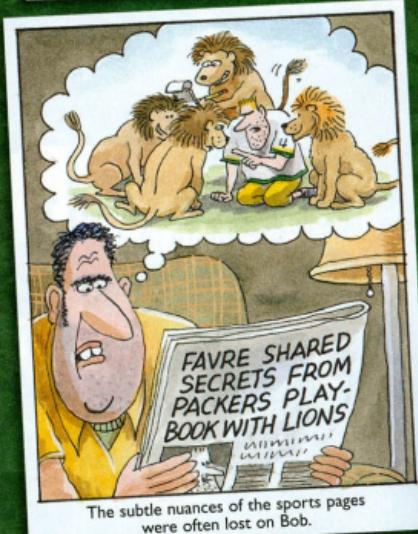
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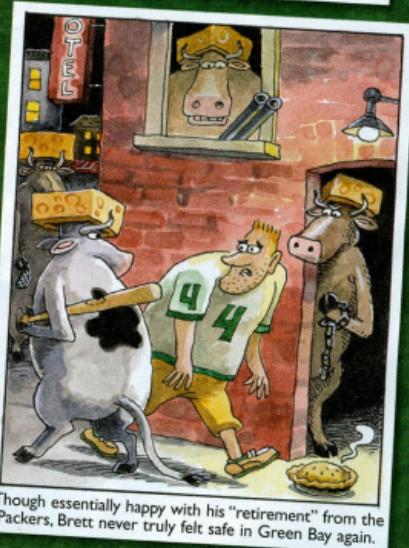
Brett Favre's first pass interception, 1977



"See, kids? That's how you do it —
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The subtle nuances of the sports pages were often lost on Bob.



Though essentially happy with his "retirement" from the Packers, Brett never truly felt safe in Green Bay again.



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SCARF FARCE

In the spring of 2008, Dunkin' Donuts produced a commercial starring TV chef Rachael Ray. She wore a scarf in it.

Some conservatives felt that it looked too "Arab"... that she was promoting "murderous Palestinian jihad" instead of frozen coffee drinks. The ad was pulled.

Dunkin' Donuts called the whole thing a "misunderstanding." But the world will remember this ridiculous affair by another name ... SCARF FARCE.



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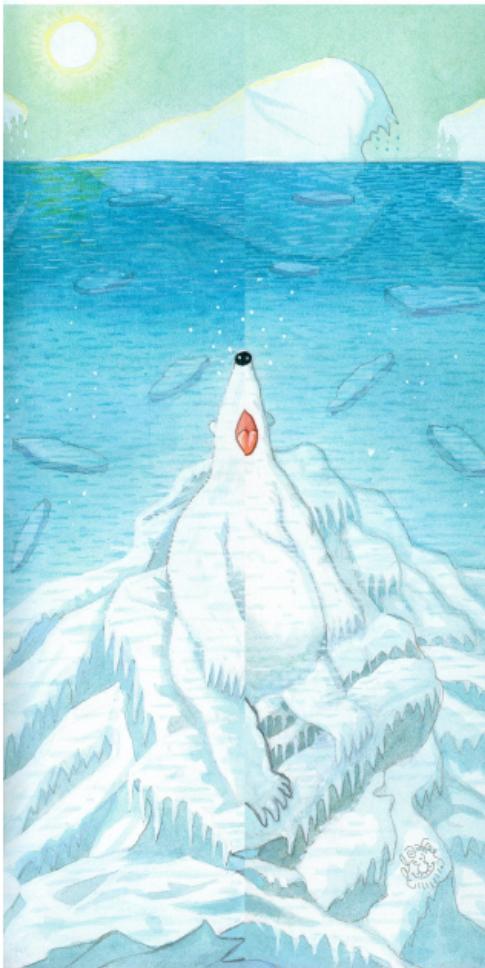


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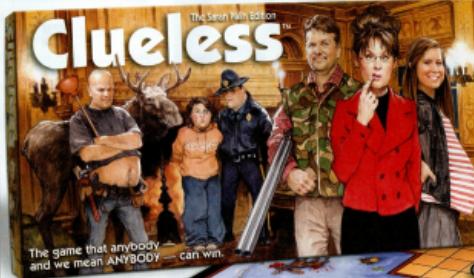
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SARAH PALIN: Drowning in Veep Waters

Sarah Palin couldn't name a congressional district. She couldn't name two Supreme Court decisions she disagreed with. She thought being able to see Russia from Alaska [possible, by the way, only from the tiny Alaskan island of St. Lawrence, inhabited by native Yupik] qualified as foreign policy experience. She didn't even know what a Vice President does, but that didn't stop her from seeking the job. And she had compensating for this lack of knowledge by frequently making of it an issue. She's a natural born grouch. Despite her mental flimflam, Republicans say she's the future of their party. And others say she's the future of the MIA 20.

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Then it's your turn to answer questions from your opponents, because a message needs to be sent. And if you don't have the card they're looking for in your hand, you can just work and try to get it. You can't be a terrorist, you understand. But if you do have it, then you can roll a 10 and make it official. Before you're anywhere close to ready, be a true maverick and unshakable by the facts. Just go with your Main Street common sense girl to have a Scooter, a Wigwam and a Room. Then you can roll the table and see if you can get the last card inside the envelope. If it's wrong, just keep playing, making more and more wild accusations. Eventually, one will stick and you win!



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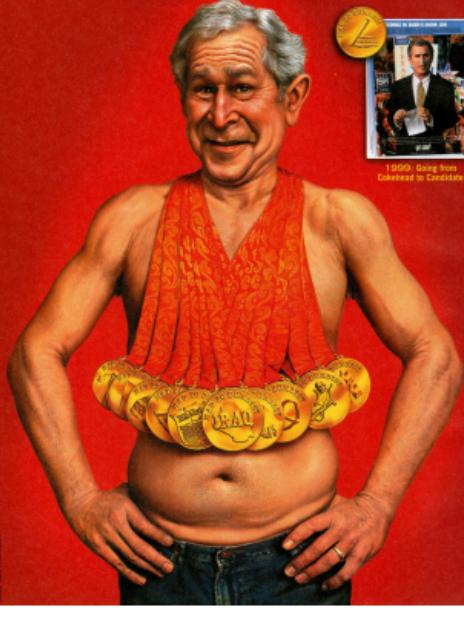
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