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**MICHAEL PHELPS SIGNS MASSIVE DEAL WITH WHITE CASTLE™, FUNYUNS™***Negotiations with Ben & Jerry's™ reportedly still underway, but promising*

BALTIMORE, MD—

Superstar Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps has shattered yet another record as he announced today that he has signed an unprecedented \$42.0 Million endorsement deal with fast food chain White Castle™, renowned for its cheap burgers and 24 hour service, and an additional \$4.20 Million deal with Frito Lay™ for the popular snack food Funyuns™.

“We Here at White Castle feel as though Phelps really has a special appeal with our consumer base,” White

Castle stated in a press release yesterday morning, “he endears very well with our target audience: 16-24 year olds who suddenly —without any other explainable reason— have uncontrollable desires for copious amounts of food. We here at White Castle always have our doors open for the hungry customer. We won’t ask you why you want 25 burgers at 3:44 in the morning, we will just serve them to you with a smile. That is what White Castle is about, and Phelps is the perfect



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**Swimmer Michael Phelps poses with his new sponsors**

guy to convey that message.”

When reached for comment, Phelps giggled hysterically, and then hung up.

**FACULTY DIVIDED OVER CONTROVERSIAL NEW MARK CHURCHWELL BIOPIC**

Tempers are ablaze this week as the entire cinematic community has turned its eyes towards the controversy surrounding Oliver Stone’s new biopic, “The Man Who Fell off Machu Picchu: The Mark Churchwell Story”, scheduled to be released this Friday in theaters

across the nation. While the film community has praised the work as “action packed”, “groundbreaking”, “touching”, “utterly terrifying”, “blisteringly funny”, and “[expletive] golden”, Mr. Churchwell and many of his colleagues are much slower to heap praise upon the

movie.

“Why they needed to do a biopic on him is beyond me,” Senior Max Keilson noted, “I think everyone is quite aware of Churchwell’s notorious history; there is no need to make us relive it.”

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By Nathan Schwartz



## CHENEY WARNS THAT TERRORIST SNACK ATTACK MAY BE IMMINENT

Former Vice President emphasizes need for securing American stockpiles of Tortilla Chips; Salsa

NORFOLK, VA- In one of his first interviews after the end of his tenure as second-in-command, former Vice President Dick Cheney has warned that a terrorist snack attack upon American convenience stores is likely to occur within the next year, unless the new administration takes action.

“We are in a time of transition; we are weak and exposed as a nation,” Cheney said from his office in Northern Virginia, “we’re mired in a recession and political tumult, and its as prime a time as ever for Al Qaeda to swoop in and devour thousands of American pastries. No doughnut, Danish, or even bagel is safe from their plots.” Cheney, who has been highly critical of how the transition has been handled, pointed first to the new administration as the source of vulnerability.

“The [Obama] administration doesn’t seem to understand the importance of securing our culinary re-

sources,” Cheney remarked while munching on a bag of Cheetos™, “Our nation’s priorities should be protecting our (mmph) potato chips, defending our Doritos™, and fighting for our Fudgesicles™, and we should put these priorities before all else.”

Cheney’s critics have often decried his staunchly pro-sugar stance as “Outrageous” and “imbecilic”, citing the former VP’s declared, “willingness to do whatever it takes to whomever it takes in order to find those [expletive] Fruity Pebbles™” (Alluding to the 2006 disappearance of more than nine thousand boxes of Post Cereal). Nevertheless, Cheney stands steadfast by his positions, saying, “If we let the evil-doers of the world get to our federal candy stash, it’s all over. This transcends all individual matters.”

One of the more surprising moments of the one and a half hour interview came

when Cheney openly criticized friend and former President George W. Bush for his refusal to pardon close personal friend and advisor Scooter “Trix” Libby, and for his failure to implement enough safeguards upon the federal Twinkie reserves. “I still today feel as though we could have done more to protect our Twinkies,” Cheney lamented, “it keeps me up at night.”

All in all, Cheney feels as though the Bush Administration was largely successful in its efforts to defend America’s hallowed snacking habits. “We set the stage for generations to come,” Cheney solemnly said, “but we must remain vigilant in our efforts against Al Qaeda, or we will one day live in an America filled with empty stomachs, and even emptier hearts.”

When reached for comment, Former President Bush smiled and nodded in agreement.

## STEVENS INVESTIGATIONS REVEAL \$80,000 IN KICKBACKS USED TO “UNCLOG INTERNET TUBING”

ANCHORAGE, AK- As further revelations emerge in the aftermath of Former Senator Ted Stevens’ conviction on counts of ethics violations and unreported gifts, sources today reported that a large portion of the gifts Stevens re-

ceived were used in failed attempts to improve his internet connection by, “unclogging the series of tubes that connect to [Stevens’] computer”. Stevens, who has now become notorious for his use of kickbacks in financing the renovation of his house,

invested more than \$80,000 to install 4,000 feet of PVC pipe and electrical wiring in his basement and living room. When reached for comment, Stevens was found scrubbing the motherboard of his computer in an attempt to cleanse it of viruses.

Extra security measures are being taken to protect the nation’s snack food reserves



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**MATTHEW LESKO TO RELEASE LINE OF CASUAL BUSINESSWEAR**

NEW YORK, NY- In a bold move that shocked the fashion world, Matthew Lesko unveiled his new line of casual professional attire, "Inquisition". The clothing, intended to be worn to and from the office and during everyday activities and outings, is praised as "bold", "brash", and "undecided", though many critics are quick to rebuke what they see as an excessive use of punctuation.

"I wanted to make

something that made a statement", Lesko said last Thursday to hordes of reporters, "I wanted to create something that would capture the inquisitive, perplexed essence of the human soul. Plus, I had all this free government money laying around, so I decided, eh, why not?"

Fashionistas across the country are clamoring over the new line, as pre-orders have reached unprecedented levels as the

fashion world prepares for the April release of the line. "I cannot remember the last time a new design arrived with such force and panache," legendary designer Calvin Klein noted yesterday, "we truly are witnessing a renaissance in the fashion industry."

Lesko has declined to comment on the buzz surrounding the pending release of his cologne line, "Unsure?".

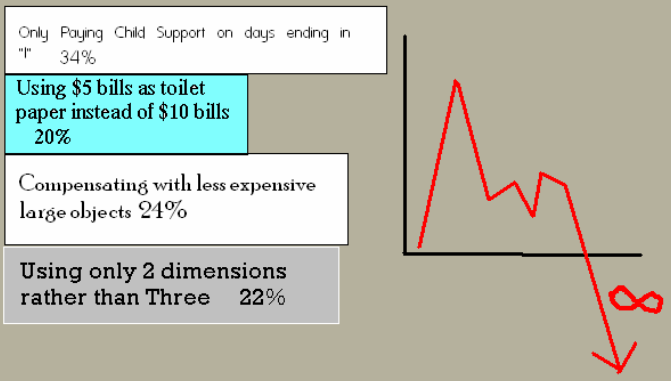


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Above: Lesko models his new line of menswear.

**INFOGRAPHIC**

How are we coping with the economic crisis?



**LOCAL MAN THINKS THIS PASTA IS SUPERB**

GAITHERSBURG, MD- Alan Reyes today updated his Twitter account for the 43rd time today in order to boldly declare that, "The Olive Garden has the best Fettuccine Alfredo on the planet. 8:26pm" Reyes, a 34 year old Accountant, noted later in a Facebook note that he is, "A regular" at the chain of family Italian eateries, but out of all the times he's been

there the pasta dish has, "never been so fresh, so fulfilling, so delicious. It was so good it inspired me to tag all of you in this note, in hopes that you too will spread the word of this once-in-a-lifetime pasta." Reyes proceeded to upload 12 pictures of the dish from his phone onto Facebook. At press time, Reyes had not left the Olive Garden yet.

**JOHN MADDEN ARRESTED OUTSIDE BRETT FAVRE'S WINDOW**

GREEN BAY, WI- NFL Hall of Famer and Broadcasting legend John Madden was arrested early Tuesday morning after Green Bay police received numerous phone calls stating that a, "portly and loud individual" was standing outside Favre's home with a chalkboard while loudly repeating the phrase, "Brett just brings a certain

toughness to the table in these kinds of games, and the Packers could really use him right now."

Favre, who recently retired from football for a second time, reportedly awoke to find Madden with his face pressed up against his window as he sang Celine Dion's hit song "My Heart Will Go On".

Authorities arrived on the scene to find Madden, reeking of Tinactin™, attempting to scale the wall of Favre's home in order to gain access via the chimney. As he was led away, Madden reportedly looked wistfully at Favre and shed a tear.

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## ***“The Man Who Fell off Machu Picchu” Met with Critical Acclaim; Public Ire***

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Stone has drawn scrutiny for the manner in which he portrayed many of the defining moments in Churchwell’s life, such as his treatment of the notorious “alarm clock” incidents, where he was constantly at odds with his students on the issue of where his small digital timer should rightfully be stored.

“I am so thankful that Mr. Stone had the courage to include this series of events,” Senior William McCurry stated today during a press conference. “It is of paramount importance that this story be told to the public. Every man, woman, and child in America will now be able to see and understand the sequence of incidents that left us with no choice but to put the timer inside his microwave, his refrigerator, my backpack, and various other unspeakable places. The truth must be told.”

Still, others are not quite as enthusiastic over the film’s pending release. Some were quick to cite Stone’s penchant for exaggeration and overly-dramatizing certain aspects of character and events.

“First of all, I feel as though it is an injustice that I was not selected for the part of Mark Churchwell,” says English teacher T.G. Finkbinder, “As an accomplished actor and a colleague who can offer a better understanding of Mark than anyone else, I feel as though Stone really dropped the ball on this one. As such, I encourage everyone to boycott this film, because of its biased casting protocols –which of course led to this film distorting its portrayal of this wonderful, wonderful man.”

Upon being asked for his opinion on the film, fellow Spanish teacher and personal friend Jim Zellers let out a hearty chuckle.

Regardless of the division of opinions swirling around this film, there is very little question that it will dominate the box offices this weekend. “We’re going to camp out in front of the theater at like, 10 am the day before it’s released,” McCurry excitedly exclaimed after the conference, “I just can’t contain my excitement for this movie.”

Mr. Churchwell declined to comment on the film, merely opting to shake his head while lightly smirking.



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and <http://www.kfilmu.net/osobnosti.php?seke=informace&osoba=matt-damon>

Churchwell, left, is played by Award Winning actor Matt Damon in Stone’s Biopic. *The Man Who Fell off Machu Picchu* is nominated for 12 Academy Awards

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## **LOCAL MIDDLE SCHOOL ADAPTS CODE OF HAMMURABI AS NEW DISCIPLINARY POLICY**

*New Ancient-Mesopotamian Immersion Program touted as "Groundbreaking"*

With the halfway mark having now finally passed on the 2008-2009 school year, parents, teachers, and students at South Chevy Chase Middle School are asking themselves many questions regarding the school's highly controversial new disciplinary policy, modeled off the code of Hammurabi, the ancient set of laws that is commonly considered to be the first of its kind in recorded history.

"We here [at S-CC MS] are big fans of Hammurabi," says Mary Pholder, chief administrator of student affairs and high priest of the air god Enlil at SCC, "for far too long have these ruffians gotten away with their misdeeds without even paying a single shekel."

The Code, which is

well known for its harsh and rigid laws that call for corporal punishment and physical retribution, has been called "arcane" and "dated" by its many detractors, but has been met with unyielding praise by the administration and much of the faculty at SCC.

"It makes classroom instruction so easier," Social Studies teacher Archie Cornwall notes, "if a student misbehaves, all I have to do is cite code 282, which clearly states that if a slave —slave for all intensive purposes here at SCC is equivalent to student—denies his master's authority, he is to have his ear cut off. That usually shuts the little whippersnappers up."

While the efforts of administration have been met with resistance by the Ameri-

can Civil Liberties Union, countless parent associations, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, SCC is adamant in its desire to continue to build on this program.

"What children today lack is order and discipline; it's the root of all this generation's problems," Pholder states, "this little brats who keep trying to steal the answer key for the chemistry test, well they will just have to deal with the appropriate sentence for stealing temple property and then sharing it. In this case, as clearly indicated under code #6, the two offending students would be put to death."

When reached for comment, S-CC MS principal Alan Crane responded, "Meh."

## **STUDENT MISTAKEN FOR PANDA BEAR, DETAINED BY NA- TIONAL ZOO**

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"Really, the whole situation is just a mess," Stuart continued, "He's fighting with Tian Tian over the bamboo shoots, and its getting really ugly at times. On the other hand, he's one of the most intellectually advanced Pandas we've ever seen, almost as smart as Ling-Ling was." The student has been affectionately dubbed by National Zoo staff as, "Lao-Tze" after the Taoist philosopher, but most Zoo patrons call the panda-man "Snorlax", in reference to the beloved and portly character from the popular video game and TV series "Pokemon".

When reached for comment, the student was napping on the sun-rock in his enclosure.

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### **BUFFALO BILLS SIGN WJ HISTORY TEACHER**

**DELLELO: "IT'S A DREAM COME TRUE"**

Walter Johnson High School Social Studies teacher and folk hero Fredrick Delello was signed last Saturday by his hometown team, the Buffalo Bills.

"Ever since I was a small child, I've always dreamed of this," Delello said yesterday in an emotional press conference, "Every night before I get to bed, I change into my Jim Kelly Pajamas, put on my Thurman Thomas vintage replica jersey, and I re-enact the first 59 minutes of Super Bowl XXV against the Giants. I always get too tired to

finish the game, but its not like anything important happened in that last minute. Or the next three years after that."

Delello, who has been balancing time between teaching at WJ and his career as a middle linebacker for the San Francisco 49ers, reportedly signed a \$3.1 million dollar deal with the Bills, \$100,000 of which he as already used to construct a 7-11™ adjacent to his classroom. As of press time, Delello was air-drying his Buffalo Bills Poncho.

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