



"Hey, look, we're clones!!!"

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## Doyle Sworn In, Packers Lose at Lambeau: Hundreds of Wisconsin Residents Flee High Taxes, Poor Play-Calling

LA CROSSE, WI—As newly elected Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle took the oath of office at noon on Monday, Packer fans throughout the state were still swearing about their team's dismal playoff showing at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The two incidents created a stampede of hundreds of Wisconsin residents wanting to escape inevitable tax increases by the Democratic governor and idiotic coaching by Mike Sherman and staff.

Jim Doyle was sworn in as Wisconsin's 44<sup>th</sup> governor in Madison on Monday. Doyle faces the state's biggest deficit in decades and, as Democrats generally do, will likely raise taxes, despite promising not to. "I'm not sticking around for Wisconsin to become the most-taxed state in the country," said Sugar Bush resident Freddie Burger. "I'm going to Minnesota, the land of, uh, well, they got a big mall there." Wisconsin is currently the 3rd most heavily taxed state per capita.

Two days earlier on Saturday, the Green Bay Packers welcomed the Atlanta Falcons to the "Frozen Tundra," where they had a perfect 11-0 record in post-season games.

With three-time MVP Brett Favre, arguably the best quarterback of all time, making his record-breaking 190<sup>th</sup> consecutive start, the Packer coaching staff went on to call one of the worst games in NFL history. Many of the fleeing Wisconsin residents agreed as they jumped the border on Monday. "What were they thinking? I mean, you've got Brett Favre and you run it on 4<sup>th</sup> down at the 3-yard line! (Packer offensive coordinator) Rossley is a moron; he's called stupid plays all year long," said Manitowoc native Melissa R. Hahnke.

Milwaukee resident Adam Reinhard was also critical of head coach and general manager Mike Sherman. "That guy must be the worst game-time coach in the NFL. To not have your team ready for two big games in a row is just inexcusable. And then to not challenge that punt return call is just idiotic. Then he lies later on in the press conference about asking the official! What an idiot! And what's the deal with all these stupid formations? Brett Favre does not need the stupid shotgun all the time to pass the ball! And what's the deal with going for

that field goal in the third quarter when you're down by 3 scores regardless if you make it? He already missed an easy one earlier, too. And I'm not coming back to Wisconsin until they get rid of (Packer special teams coach) Frank Novak...moron," said Reinhard.

Many are pondering the destination of the college-aged, over-taxed, football fans. "I don't get it," said Evelyn Miller, a long-time resident of La Crosse. "I'm not happy about the taxes going up either, but Minnesota? Who would want to go over there? Maybe it's because they just got a new Republican governor. It's certainly not because of the Vikings. I just wonder where they're all going." Besides being anti-Doyle and angry about the Packers' loss, most of the refugees' automobiles were seen with a distinguishable star, diamond, triangle, starburst, heart, cross, or daisy sticker displayed from the inside of the left rear window.

In unrelated New Ulm news, Martin Luther College, a small conservative school whose student body is primarily from Wisconsin, resumed classes on Tuesday.

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**Hans Blix Named New Spokesperson for 7-UP: "The UN-Cola"**  
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## Saddam's Weapons Report Grade: D-

BAGHDAD, IRAQ—On Wednesday UN weapons inspectors returned Iraqi Dictator Saddam Hussein's 12,000 page report, corrected and graded, to his military officials. Hussein is furious over what he calls "an unfair and non-authentic form of assessment." The report received 70 points out of a possible 100, with 69 being a failing grade.

The United Nations assembled an international team of English professors to grade the 12,000 page report. The team was led by Harvard English Chairman Lawrence Buell, along with several professors of English from Cambridge and Oxford. Martin Luther College's Thomas Hunter also served as a consultant.

The team of renowned English experts carefully examined the report and graded it on the

following criteria: historical accuracy, mechanics, spelling, and presentation.

The Iraqi dictator is outraged over the grade he and his subservient co-authors were given. "It was unfair that I was even given this assignment. I mean, it's over 12,000 pages! That's a pretty long report, longer than I had in high school," said Hussein. "To put in all that hard work and to get such a bad grade is very frustrating and is not good for my self-esteem. I hate those capitalistic, democratic, academic Satanists!"

Hussein is claiming that the grading criteria used are out of tune with modern, so-called "authentic assessment." The mass-murdering dictator feels that the ability and hard work is there, but that an alternative means of assessment is needed to see this. "I have always had a hard

time taking tests and writing traditional-type reports," said Hussein. "They should have given me more assessment options. I could have done some paintings showing where we don't keep our weapons of mass destruction. Or can't we do a play or something?"

The UN weapons report grading team insists that the assessment criteria used were certainly "authentic." Said Thomas Hunter, "In the real world (Saddam's) boss won't want some sort of poster or interpretive dance; he'll want a straightforward report of the information requested. And he'll want it free of spelling and mechanical errors."

Some of Saddam's henchmen are secretly disturbed over what they see as a national embarrassment and are encouraging Iraqi school teachers to better equip their students for the future.

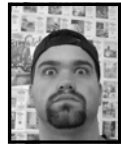
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# SURVIVOR II: LAKE OLSEN, WEEK FOUR

Zach is hacked. 943 voted against the male man. Who will be next? Go online and vote at: [TheCabbage.s5.com](http://TheCabbage.s5.com). *The Cabbage Online* offers more in-depth Survivor coverage and exclusive online content!

Just a reminder: please, no wagering.

NEXT WEEK'S CHALLENGE: What is your new year's resolution and what is one excuse for breaking it?



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NAME/AGE POSITION IN LIFE	CHALLENGE #4: How would you celebrate the new year on the deserted island?
David Uhlhorn, 26 Teacher, Manty LHS	I would spend the day, as I do every New Years Day, planning new ways to make life as hard as possible for Mark Ehlike.
Adam Reinhard, 23 Staff/SEM, 6th year	If I am on a deserted island in Lake Olsen I would have no way of keeping track of the passing time, so I wouldn't even know that the New Year had arrived. If fact, because of my acid wash jeans, leg warmers, and mullet I'm sporting, I would guess it's actually 1983, not 2003. Rubik's Cube, anyone?
Jonathon Scharf, 27 23rd Grade, Greek, Hebrew, and Religion Instruction Major	I'd do the Macarena. I realize that it's a little childish and stupid, but then again, so is Ehlike. Ferris Bueller said that. He was played by Matthew Broderick. I could be played by Matthew Broderick. That still wouldn't change the fact that I can't sell my car. <i>(Editor's note: From what we've heard about Scharf's classes, we feel that Ben Stein would be a better choice to play the instructor. Ah, another Ferris Bueller reference!)</i>
Kim Springstroh, 21 MLC Senior, SEM	Nothing says "I'm Lutheran and celebrating the New Year on a deserted island ruled by howler monkeys" like a bottle of Welch's Sparkling Apple Cider and the December issue of Meditations.

## Iraqi School Teacher Assigns 12,000 Page Weapons Report

BAGHDAD, IRAQ—Iraqi high school teacher Arando Tawfiq Hamin assigned a 12,000 page weapons report to his English Composition class on Monday. Despite heavy complaining from his 27 students, Hamin insists the assignment is needed to "prepare (Iraq's) future dictators for a world that is increasingly becoming less friendly towards weapons of mass destruction."

Hamin's students say the report is overkill. "This is camel crap," said one student, speaking under terms of anonymity. "I won't even have time to watch the Al-Jazeera—my dad has a satellite dish—let alone find time to burn capitalist leaders in effigy." Other teachers at the school are

impressed with Hamin's dedication. "Imagine getting an entire class's 12,000 page weapons reports. That's like 300,000 pages to correct," commented Shariq Jatu Veriz, the school's English chairman. The weapons report is due two weeks from Monday. Students may submit the paper as paper dossiers, CD-ROMs, or a combination of the two. Each student must also outline the 12,000 minimum page report in the following order: nuclear programs, chemical weaponry programs, biological and ballistic missile programs. One student did point out, however, that "Mr. Hamin never said we couldn't use Courier New font...he he he, sucker."

## STORIES WE DIDN'T WRITE ABOUT THE BAT IN CHAPEL

- Meat Loaf appears as guest musician
- Flying creature induces emotion from German Lutherans
- "Ah! It's in my hair!" cries Prof. Monday
- Bat exits hell, enters MLC chapel
- "It's not a bird, you morons!" cries local ornithologist
- PETA declares MLC organ habitat for endangered rabid species; chapel suspended indefinitely
- "Oh crap! I stepped in guano!"

## Editorial: "So, like, what's up with this pending war thingy?"

By Tiffany Schultz



So, like, I was sitting at home over Christmas break, and like, I totally was excited about coming back to school because I got, like, so many new outfits from my daddy, and even some from Santa. Like, I still don't know what to believe about this Santa guy, because, like, when I was thirteen years old, I totally had it figured out

that my parents were really Santa, and that he was just, like, a myth they made up, but, like, the milk

and cookies I put out on Christmas Eve are always gone the next day, and, like, these presents keep appearing from Santa Claus under the Christmas tree. So I just don't know what to believe, but, like, when I grow up, I'll probably figure it out.

So anyway, I was sitting on the couch watching the news with my daddy, admiring my new sweater, which looks, like, so totally cute on me, and like, all the girls at MLC will be so totally jealous. But anyway, I like, totally wanted to watch my favorite Christmas movie ever, *A Christmas Story*, you know, the one with the cute kid that wants a bb gun for Christmas, and his friend gets his tongue frozen to the basketball

pole, and then he gets this totally cute pink bunny suit from his aunt for Christmas? That's like, totally my favoritist Christmas movie, but my daddy wanted to watch the news instead, because he was all worried about this pending war thing. So like, I just don't get what's going on, because, like, didn't we just have a war with those Iraqueans, like, a few years ago? And like, how hard is this Osama guy to find? Like, I would totally turn him in if I were one of those guys with those, like, turban thingys. Like, what kind of fashion statement is that? And their robes are like, so not form-fitting—I could like, totally not fit in over there. So anyway, like, what's up with this pending war thingy?