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## Bush Duct-Tapes Economy

WASHINGTON, D.C.—President Bush successfully held America’s struggling economy together with duct tape this week. Both homeland security experts and economists, including Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, are praising the move as “ingeniously practical and impractical at the same time.”

Director of Homeland Security Tom Ridge recently informed Americans to stock up on certain supplies in order to prepare for imminent terrorist attacks. Among the list of items were bottled water, canned food, flashlights, radios, batteries, plastic sheeting, and the most effective weapon against terrorism—duct tape. Ridge dubbed the new terrorism prevention campaign “Duct and Cover.”

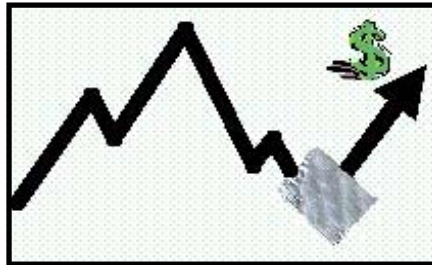
In response to Ridge’s encouragement, millions of Americans went out last week and cleaned out local stores of duct tape and imperishable food items such as canned foods and Big ‘N Tasties.

Many economists agree that the massive surge in spending was just what the economy needed. “This latest move shows just how brilliant

President Bush is,” said economist Paul Krugman. “The biggest problem with supply-side economics is that once you cut taxes, you need to provide consumers with a product that they will go out and buy even if they don’t really need it.”

Krugman and other economists believe that duct tape is the answer to this problem. “Not only has Bush provided the tax relief to stimulate the economy,” said Steve Forbes, editor-in-chief of *Forbes* and former presidential candidate. “He’s also brilliantly masked the call for superfluous spending with a false sense of security against biological and chemical warfare. Bushy had me going for a while there, like plastic sheeting and duct tape can protect human life against terrorism. It can’t, but it sure can hold the economy together for a while. Brilliant.”

The huge spending boom on hardware items such as plastic sheeting and duct tape is reportedly creating much-needed jobs throughout



the country. Henkel Consumer Adhesives, the maker of Duck<sup>®</sup> brand duct tape, announced their first mass hiring in twenty years on Thursday. This expansion is also being seen in retail and construction industries.

Allan Greenspan explained the theory behind Bush’s tax cuts and Homeland Security program. “Tax cuts create increased duct tape spending, increased duct tape spending creates duct tape industry expansion, increased duct tape industry expansion creates duct tape manufacturing jobs—which, in turn, create more duct tape, more duct tape creates more duct tape spending, and so on. This ingenious duct tape trickle-down approach can stimulate

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

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the economy for years to come,” said Greenspan.

Bush and Ridge are reportedly considering calling for all Americans to go out and buy additional futile products such as VCRs, greeting cards, Oprah Bookclub selections, designer jeans, Pepsi Blue, Jerry Bruckheimer movies, and Matchbox 20 albums in order to stimulate the economy further.

## Agora MLC Buys Out eBay

NEW ULM, Minnesota—The hugely popular Agora MLC is to acquire the online auction giant eBay for an undisclosed sum, but widely believed to be in the 8-figure range. Martin Luther College Vice President Jeffrey Schone announced the deal on Tuesday alongside and well above MLC CEO Gary Sonnenberg. The struggling conservative college is banking on the multi-million dollar acquisition to bring in much needed funding.

Agora MLC is billed as the small college’s “On-Campus Marketplace.” Everyday over 25 students, faculty, and staff log onto the school’s intranet to view and post items for sale. Users can even post items that they are seeking to purchase. In 2002, Agora MLC users transacted \$146.94 in

merchandise sales. There are currently 4 postings on Agora MLC. “Agora” is a Greek word that means “marketplace.”

eBay is widely known as “The World’s Online Marketplace.” On any given day, more than 12 million items are listed across 18,000 categories. In 2002, eBay members transacted \$14.87 billion in sales. Both companies were founded in 1995.

Schone, the regulator of Agora MLC, believes the buyout will be a cash cow for the college. “Agora MLC has been, by any measure, a very successful venture,” said Schone. “By combining our classical marketplace savvy with an online auction format, we will easily overcome our pre-

sent financial shortfalls.”

CEO Sonnenberg, short on money, reluctantly disclosed some of the sources of funds for the buyout, which is believed to be nearly \$500 million by many investors. “I can tell you that we’ve cut down on sidewalk pebbles and reduced our ice-polishing by half,” said Sonnenberg. “At this time, however, I cannot confirm reports that we are permanently cutting out Friday chapel services, nor can I comment on the possibility of selling President Olsen bobble-head dolls.”

Agora eBay is scheduled to make its debut next month on the MLC intranet. Plans for expanding to the World Wide Web will be discussed in committee at the 2004 WELS Convention.

# Nelly Can't Stop Picking Scab

NELLYVILLE—Grammy Award winning R&B artist Nelly is struggling to stop himself from scratching at his widely recognized facial wound. The gangsta rapper is worried that all the scratching will lead to an unsightly scar. "I cut muhself fo real bad shavin awhile back and then da scab kept itchin' me all da time, aww yea foo," said Nelly. "Yo buss dis. I be now worried dat I will has a shoopy on my face." "Shoopy" is gansta for "scar." Nelly is universally referred to in the music industry as that one black guy with the Band-Aid who's not Nelly Furtado.



# Presidents' Day Pickup Lines

- ♥ You're the president of my heart, baby.
- ♥ Pardon me, would you like to get out of here?
- ♥ Would you like to be in my secret lip service, baby?
- ♥ You've got my vote, baby.
- ♥ This is one lame duck, but the rest of your cooking is great, baby.
- ♥ I bet if we went out, our relationship would last longer than William Henry Harrison's presidential term.
- ♥ Hey, baby, want to go on a Tippecanoe ride?
- ♥ Hey, baby, Garfield wasn't just a cartoon cat, he was a president who got shot.
- ♥ Want to be my running mate, baby?
- ♥ I nominate you my Secretary of Love, baby.
- ♥ It would be my executive privilege to take you out Friday night, baby.
- ♥ You're my first lady, baby.
- ♥ I've got an executive order for you, baby: Friday night, 8 o'clock.
- ♥ Want to Grant me a kiss, baby?
- ♥ Hey, baby, did you know that James Buchanan wasn't married? Neither am I married.

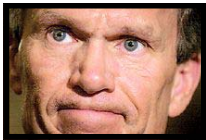
\*\*\*Look for more on the website!\*\*\*

## Mr. Trite Conversation Starter of the Week

\*\*\*Clever ideas to break the ice and make that great first impression\*\*\*



"Man, did you see Joe Millionaire? I really wanted (*Zora/Sarah*) to win. So I'm really (*happy/bummed*). How 'bout you?"



## Liberal Democratic Homeland Security Program

### Before terrorist attack:

- ◆ Criticize Bush administration for scaring people
- ◆ Criticize Bush administration for spending too much on homeland security
- ◆ Criticize Bush administration for overly aggressive foreign policy
- ◆ Criticize Bush administration for not sharing intelligence information

### After terrorist attack:

- ◆ Criticize Bush administration for not warning people enough
- ◆ Criticize Bush administration for not spending enough on homeland security
- ◆ Criticize Bush administration for weak foreign policy
- ◆ Criticize Bush administration for leaking intelligence information

## DINING ROOM RESERVATIONS

MONDAY

**A Cappella Hand Bell Choir**

TUESDAY

**MLC Backgammon Team**

WEDNESDAY

**Association of 6th Year Students**

THURSDAY

**Lake Olsen Divers**

FRIDAY

**Frosh Stuck Here for a Week**

# Editorial: "Like, what's up with these kids?"

By Tiffany Schultz, student teacher



Okay, so I like, am going to become a teacher, right? So like, right now I have this professional semester thingy to do, and like, I got sent to this school to do this student teaching thing, okay? So, I'm like, student teaching in first grade, because they told me that, like, anything higher might be beyond my level, you know? Like, whatever that means. But whatever, I like, totally like these little kids, and they like, totally love me. I've like, been getting all

these pictures that they, like, draw for me, and they're cute, but like, they're not very good. Like, in some of them they, like, drew me with green hair, and like, ugly clothes that I would like, never wear in a million lifetimes. But that's okay, I guess I shouldn't expect them to paint like that guy, Van Go, right? Like, I would totally like to have that last name, you know, because that's like, what happens. Vans go, right? Okay, so anyway, I've like, started to pick up these classes and stuff, and I'm like, actually teaching, so you know, it's totally cool. I should, like, be getting paid for this, I think. We had a Valentine's Day party the other day, and that was like, totally awesome

because I bought this cute new pink sweater that looked totally good on me. Oh yeah, and the kids had so much fun giving me valentines, so that was cool. I only have a couple of problems, though. Like, these kids don't understand things like, until I tell them three times in a row. And, like, I was trying to teach them math, and like, I can't use a calculator, so it's really hard. Plus I like, don't understand why these kids have to go to the bathroom, like, every two seconds. I keep telling them, "Like, you just went like, two seconds ago." Like, what's up with these kids?