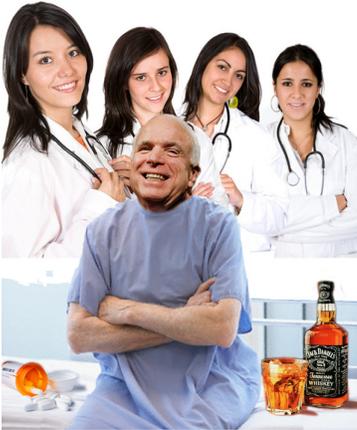


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McCain: "I Will Not Rest Until I Am Universally Covered"



SCOTTSDALE, AZ - In an effort to demonstrate his passion for health care reform, Presidential candidate John McCain has finally embraced the notion of universal health care for himself. "It is a downright embarrassment that I spend more of my gross personal product (GPP) on health care than anyone in the world and yet too much of myself remains without adequate

health insurance," McCain announced at a rally held at one of his personal health care mansions. "Health insurance is not a privilege or a responsibility, it is my right."

McCain has previously endorsed a market-based approach to providing health insurance to himself, but has reversed positions on the issue that has recently gained momentum

in opinion polls John McCain had administered to himself. "The numbers are staggering," he continued. "Over 17% (66 million cells) of John McCain is not covered under the current system, and that is not acceptable. Just look around the world...every inch of Stephen Harper (PM of Canada) is covered...Gordon Brown (PM of the UK) grosses 34% less than John McCain yet he is guaranteed access to medical services with no questions asked."

In addition to expanding access to himself, McCain's health care proposal includes provisions that are thought to improve the quality and efficiency of the health services he receives, such the conversion of McCain's vast library of personal medical files (currently stored as paper documents or on slabs of chiseled marble) to electronic medical records. Critics of his plan have call it "Hillary-Care Part II," referring to Bill and Hillary Clinton's 3,500-page health care reform plan that sought to fully cover the former president, first lady, and the entire country in 1993. McCain has made it clear in his speeches, however, that his plan is "entirely about me" and that Americans should not "fear the threat of having health care coverage under his plan," adding that, "having adequate, affordable health insurance will be my burden to bear."



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Originally from Santiago Chile, Diego Munoz is learning to cope with living in this strange land called America. Difficulty with the English language often leads him to communicate entirely through sketches. As such, he is seldom seen more than a few feet away from his thoroughly filled notebook. When he's not busy drawing cartoons, Diego spends his time as an astrophysicist, studying the cosmos one bad joke at a time. After being harassed by the Editor in Chief for the past few semesters, Diego was finally motivated to draw some cartoons for several articles in the past two issues. If you're ever in dire need of polar bear cartoons, he's your man.



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Sarah Palin to Make First Visit to Continental United States



WASILLA, AK – Yesterday, Alaskan governor and vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin announced that she is finally ready to make her first visit to the continental United States, largely in response to the criticism that she lacks the legislative experience, policy background, and familiarity with the lower 48 contiguous American states needed to serve as Vice President. "I am very excited for my 'South American' journey," a visibly excited Palin explained to reporters

outside of her Autosleeper Harmony Hightop Campervan. "Ya know sometimes the best way to prove your critics wrong is to ignore them, and I've been doin' a great job in that arena, but there also comes a point where you need to prove your country right, so I'm embarking on this whirlwind adventure to do just that [wink, wave, blink]!"

Republican campaign leaders, after keeping Palin's travel plans secret for several weeks, announced that John McCain's running mate will make several stops designed to give Palin a flavor of what day-to-day life is like on the Mainland for average non-Alaskan citizens. "Oh I know plenty of 'Joe-Six-Packs' up here in the good ole' 'A-K', but ya know I've been reading my fan mail and it makes me think: Who are 'Gary-Twelve-Packs' in Wisconsin, the 'Susie-Shot-Glasses' in Houston, and the 'Dan-the-Coke-Heads' in Columbus? I don't think I've ever met these people at the kids soccer games in Wasilla I've been attending every Saturday, Sunday, Thursday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Monday since 2002, and I would love to ask them about the issues that matter to them and how they would act as President should something very tragic but predictable happened that ended putting them in way over their heads without the darnedest clue of what to do... Also, it would be great to finally get to meet John [McCain] in person. Do you think I can call him 'John'?"

In addition to meeting working class citizens in The Lower 48, Governor Palin will take her first steps in the District of Columbia, a place where she "has heard so much about their coffee and national soccer team." McCain campaign officials said that American voters will get the perfect chance to see how much of a "Beltway Outsider" Palin really is, as she gives her skeptical take on the political corruption, the "Gotcha!" media frenzy, and the "underground-choo-choo-train" Metro system of the nation's capital.

Palin's opponents in the Democratic Party are calling her efforts "too little too late," with former President Bill Clinton adding,

"I think she lacks the White House experience needed to be an effective leader in Washington...You know she would have really benefited from an internship during my administration...I would have been very open to taking her under my [wing] and showing her [the ropes]."

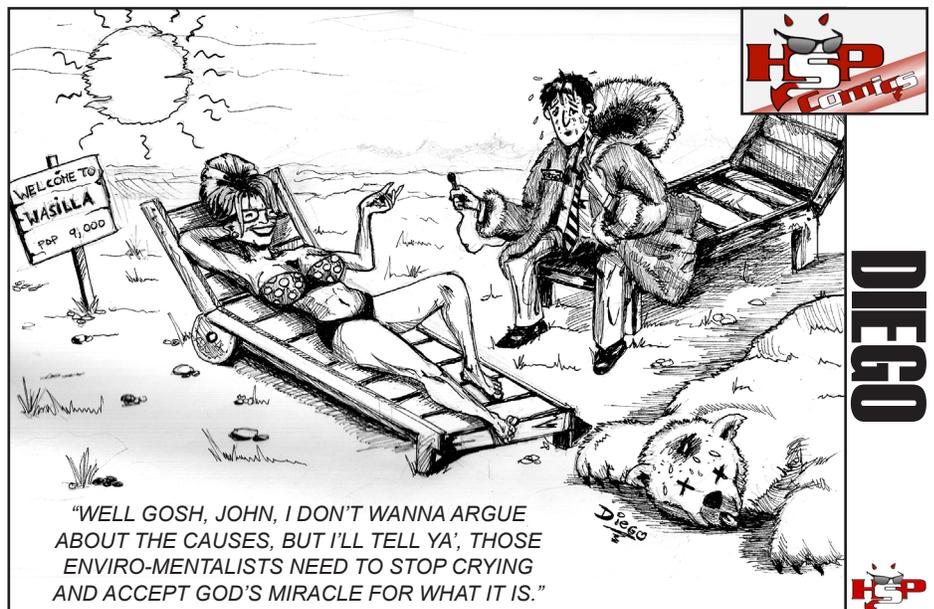
Other critics point out that her visit to the Continental United States still does nothing to ease concerns about her lack of foreign policy experience, although Palin points out that she has a thorough understanding of Risk, the game of global domination that was quite popular in the Palin household until actual games of risk, such as unprotected premarital sex, replaced it.



"The first goal of my foreign policy goals would be to control the North American continent, because ya know that's how ya get the most points on your next turn. And 'cause the surge is goin' so great I would also order to have another surge mission in Kamchatka right after I turn in my cards. And I'll tell ya why: because Bin Laden and I only have two things in common, and one of them is that we are mavericks. And, let-me-tell-ya, besides maybe the northern Easternmost maritime border of Yakutsk, Kamchatka has gotta-be the Maverick capital of the world. And I should know, 'cause I can see their maverick leader from my house [wink, WINK]."



When asked about the other thing she has in common with Bin Laden, Governor Palin quickly responded, "Well gosh, Osama may be hell bent on destroying America, but even he knows evolution's a bunch of hooey!"



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Obama Sets Timetable For Personally Killing Bin Laden



By Barack Obama

OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

My Fellow Americans. Although you might not have known it from my previous speeches, which were mostly about hope, ending the Iraq war, and restoring American credibility abroad, what I really want this November is a bit more ambitious. In these coming weeks, I may have to put the financial crisis aside, delay my plan to personally end racism, and if needed, I may even go so far as to suspend my campaign. But believe me America when I tell you that it is all for an even greater good. And rest assured that my simple goal — something my predecessor failed at miserably — will be wrapped up before you know it. I mean how hard can it be? Its not like I'm talking about peace in the Middle East by next Tuesday. All I want is to personally hunt down and kill Osama Bin Laden with my bare black hands.

In the first debate, you may have noticed that I seemed uncharacteristically itchy to send in more troops and re-invade the fuck out of Afghanistan. Well what was I supposed to say? I can't have America thinking I'm soft on terror. But just between you and me, you can ignore all that hawk pandering bomb rhetoric, and know that even though I might have hinted about my unhesitating willingness to deploy our military if necessary, my real desire is simply to bring the perpetrator of 9/11 to justice with my fists. Although I won't lie to you — its not like I'm actually planning to bring a knife to a gun fight. Remember, I went to Harvard.

And if he happens to be hiding out over the border in Pakistan, I sure as hell won't let some imaginary lines on a map stop me from keeping America secure. If Pakistan doesn't cooperate, and we have actionable intelligence, have no doubt that I will be the one taking intelligent action — just as I've practiced with my own Obama and Bin Laden action figures, which both sadly lack kung fu grip. Some people will call me a vigilante, and some will call me an elitist vigilante, but if other people can't get the job done then I've learned that there's just no substitute for doing it yourself. After all, justice is blind, and Bin Laden will be too after I shove my fist through his good eye.

I know what you're thinking. You think all this tough guy shit is just me overcompensating for my silly Muslim sounding name — a surname which, ironically, is just a typo away from the very person I'm trying to erase. Well, in my defense, what the hell do you expect me to do after getting stuck with the most politically unfortunate name

in US history? My parents might as well have named me George Mussolini Stalin Bush. If Bush himself hadn't been so busy manufacturing dubious links between Saddam and Bin Laden in the days leading up to the war, and if he had learned to read, he might have realized that "Danger" is not my middle name. That being said, I think it's reasonably obvious that the only way I can silence my name-calling critics is by personally murdering the shit out of America's biggest terrorist nemesis. Personally.

Not only will I murder him in the face and kill him until he's dead. I will also execute the shit out of him no fewer than 70 times (one for each non-existent virgin). Not even South Park could kill Kenny as frequently and consistently. Some may call that overkill, and technically, they'd be correct, but I think America deserves no less than for Bin Laden's corpse to be reduced to its constituent atoms and molecules. Unlike my geriatric opponent, I'm willing to do whatever it takes to protect America. All by myself.



John McCain did say he'd follow Bin Laden to the gates of hell. Well, I will concede that John's a hell of a lot closer to getting there than I am, but I don't think he's really up to the task of returning to this Earth after crossing the threshold. Its not that John doesn't care. He just doesn't get it. He's just not GOOD enough. Being free from sin, I

of course will have no problem reaching across the aisle and returning with my soul uncorrupted. In practice, we're not really talking about hell, but merely some cave in the mountains on the Afghanistan / Pakistan border with little to no electricity or internet access. If that is the stage where I have to dismember the ranking member of Al Qaida, then so be it. I will meet Bin Laden in combat any time, anywhere, without preconditions. That's how confident I am.

While many Americans may doubt my fighting ability due to my remarkably poor showing at bowling, let there be no doubt that I'm no stranger to armed conflict. When I was a community organizer, working the tough streets of Chicago, the gangs, pimps, and drug dealers all knew who was organizing the fucking community. When I was the editor of the Harvard Law review, the printers never told me it was too late to typeset a last minute piece about minority rights in the Harkness cafeteria, because nobody says no to Barack. In Hebrew, my name means lightning, and its no surprise that



Obama Narrowly Wins Bin Laden Hating Contest

