

AWFUL

POLITICS

AWESOME



Records indicate that Mississippi has spent \$500,000 in the past three years on Gov. **HALEY BARBOUR**'s air travel, which has mixed state business with fundraisers and football.

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Hawaii Gov. **NEIL ABERCROMBIE** has vowed to prove, once and for all, that the president was born in America. But why take the birthers seriously?



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Even conservative televangelist **PAT ROBERTSON** thinks that the sentencing laws governing pot possession are backward, costly, and worth reexamining.



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THE FUTURE



Gas prices are already up 76 percent since 2008, and now former Shell Oil president John Hofmeister predicts that we'll be paying **\$5 PER GALLON** by 2012.

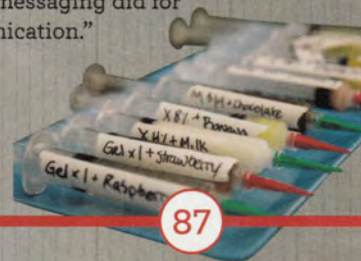
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By 2015, cell phones will project live **3-D HOLOGRAMS** of callers, according to IBM. Cool, but now we need to dress to press TALK?

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Scientists at Cornell are developing a **SYRINGE-BASED FOOD PRINTER** that "would do for food what email and instant messaging did for communication."



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THE CULTURE



Four of the actors in the Broadway production of **SPIDER-MAN** have been injured, and one of the leads has now bowed out. Must the show really go on?

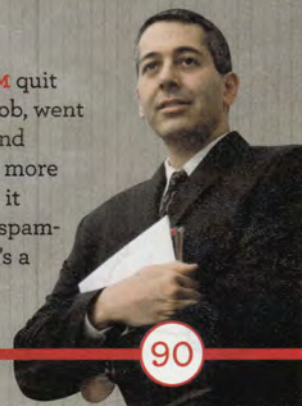
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PLACEBOS apparently work even when patients know they're taking placebos, according to a new study. Sugar pills—the miracle drug!

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DANIEL BALSAM quit his marketing job, went to law school, and has since made more than \$1 million, it appears, suing spammers. Now that's a plan B.



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