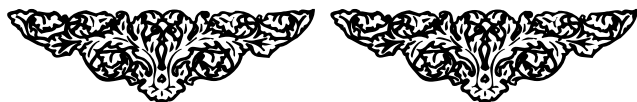


The MaB

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Lemme see if this works out the way I want it to. Y'know, like with my own choice of fonts. This one is called "1942 report", which I found on www.free-typewriter-fonts.com from Johan

Holmdale. I'm creating this 'zine (now using a font called Bitstream Vera Serif) via Open Office Writer, which is a nifty free alternative to MS Word/ Excel/ Access / Powerpoint.

Like my Yahoo 360 blog, The MaB PDF is about politics, celebrities, & queer culture. For instance, right now in the quagmire that is Iraq, insurgents are targeting gay people to take hostage for ransom – or just to slaughter indiscriminantly for daring to be openly gay. In that Muslim bastion of e-mail phishing schemes, Nigeria, not only are gay couples being targeted, anyone who aids and abets them as *being* couples can now face up to 5 years in jail. In the Dutch territory island of St Maarten this past week, a CBS News producer and his friend were brutally gay-bashed by 6 locals; they weren't even a couple, the thugs had harrassed one of the victims and his real boyfriend inside a gay-friendly club they had all just visited. Of course, here at home, our illustrious president and his radical right cabinet & congress are pushing for a faith-based amendment to the US Constitution that would define marriage as solely between a man and a woman; there is, however, no amendment in the works that would outlaw divorce between a man and a woman. Of course not: most divorces in America happen in the Bible Belt. These are *moral* people we are talking about here. And I am Marie of Roumania.

On the celebrity front, the non-singing/non-acting why-exactly-is-she-considered-a-celebrity person Britney Spears seems increasingly unclear on the concept of child-rearing. First she drove away from paparazzi with her baby loose in her lap, then she rushed said baby (Sean Preston Federline) to the Los Angeles ER only to find out he was suffering from something very minor like colic – or was it a soiled diaper – reports vary. This past week, the poor kid ~~was physically abused~~ "fell out of his highchair" and either suffered a skull fracture or merely got a witto boo-boo on his noggin. Meanwhile, she and her even-less talented dirtbag trailertrash husband Kevin have been spotted around town in skanky outfits that make Whoopi Goldberg look like Coco Chanel in comparison.

Famous people simply cannot just throw on what smells halfway clean from the

laundry hamper and go outside. Even perennial benchwarmers

attempt



to wear a little Armani, a little

DKNY, some Marc Jacobs.... geez.

Speaking of 80's hags, Madge-donna is selling those \$400+ tickets to her abbreviated tour dates like hotcakes. About the only way you'll get in by now is to go on E-bay for the cyber-scalpers. I've never gotten to see the elderly dear in concert -- much less people who could actually carry a tune outside of the studio -- and at these inflated prices, probably never will. But I do love Love LOVE Madonna and have just about every album (except the *Who's That Girl?* Soundtrack) she's ever released. And by God, she looks great for her age, even tho' I hate the new head-flattening hairstyle. Here she is in her infamous hernia-inducing number from this year's Grammys:



Girlfriend, you're getting too *old* to dance like a teenager in public! You are not Chita Rivera. You broke some *bones* on your last birthday, fool!



HuffPo quote of weekend:

“Rampant greed and corruption? Check.
Dismantling of environmental legislation? Check.
Scapegoating of immigrants and gays and lesbians? Check.
Giving away national treasures to our coporate buddies? Check.
Funneling federal education money away from public schools? Check.
Nullifying the First and Fourth Amendments? Check.
Inequality. Injustice. Polarization.
Mission Accomplished.
– buckbuck11, 04.15.2006 “



4 8 15 16 23 42. Yes, its those annoying numbers from “Lost” again. One loon from the TV.com forum for the show “can't believe” no one's noticed that they're all successive numbers of US Presidents whose names end in the letter 'n'; another (saner) gal in the same thread sez they eerily correspond with her ballooning pants-size during her recent pregnancy – the last number being her bra-size!



Sexy older man, Terry O'Quinn, who plays the enigmatic John Locke on the show, has been involved with new character Henry Gale in a way I can only describe as borderline homoerotic. This in a show where gay people *simply do not exist* – a show that has just about every social strata – rich/poor, black/white/hispanic/asian, male/female, children/adults -- represented and yet not one of the characters is openly gay or lesbian. Utterly bizarre in the 21st century. Maybe it's just my so wanting a gay character on the show that I'm seeing this developing, mainly because the only time Locke has been friendly with a woman on the show (Claire, Ana, etc), it's been in a purely

platonic way. I thought at first that his natural gravitation would be towards the earthy Frenchwoman made mad by the island, Rousseau, particularly because in flashbacks he's involved with equally-sultry Helen. But that hot little number -- with his earnest blue eyes & multitude of papercuts on his face -- playing Henry -- the quietly manipulative Other with the devious grin held hostage by Jack, Sayid, Ana, & Locke behind the locked door of his makeshift cell -- seems to have worked some kind of seductive magic on Locke's incipient horniness. He has gotten Locke to resent the self-appointed leadership of Dr. Jack and made him lose faith in the island's healing properties. Had the show been set in the States, I would suggest that these two guys rent out a private room and get busy. “Lost” is after all the first show I've seen to feature incestuous step-sibling congress as a major plot point. Granted, both Boone (also in an even more homoerotic relationship with Locke in Season 1; what exactly *were* those two doing alone in the jungle for so many days at a time?) and Shannon have each been killed off since then. So what is ABC-TV (not to mention South Dakota in its recent abortion ruling) saying: incest good, gay love bad?



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