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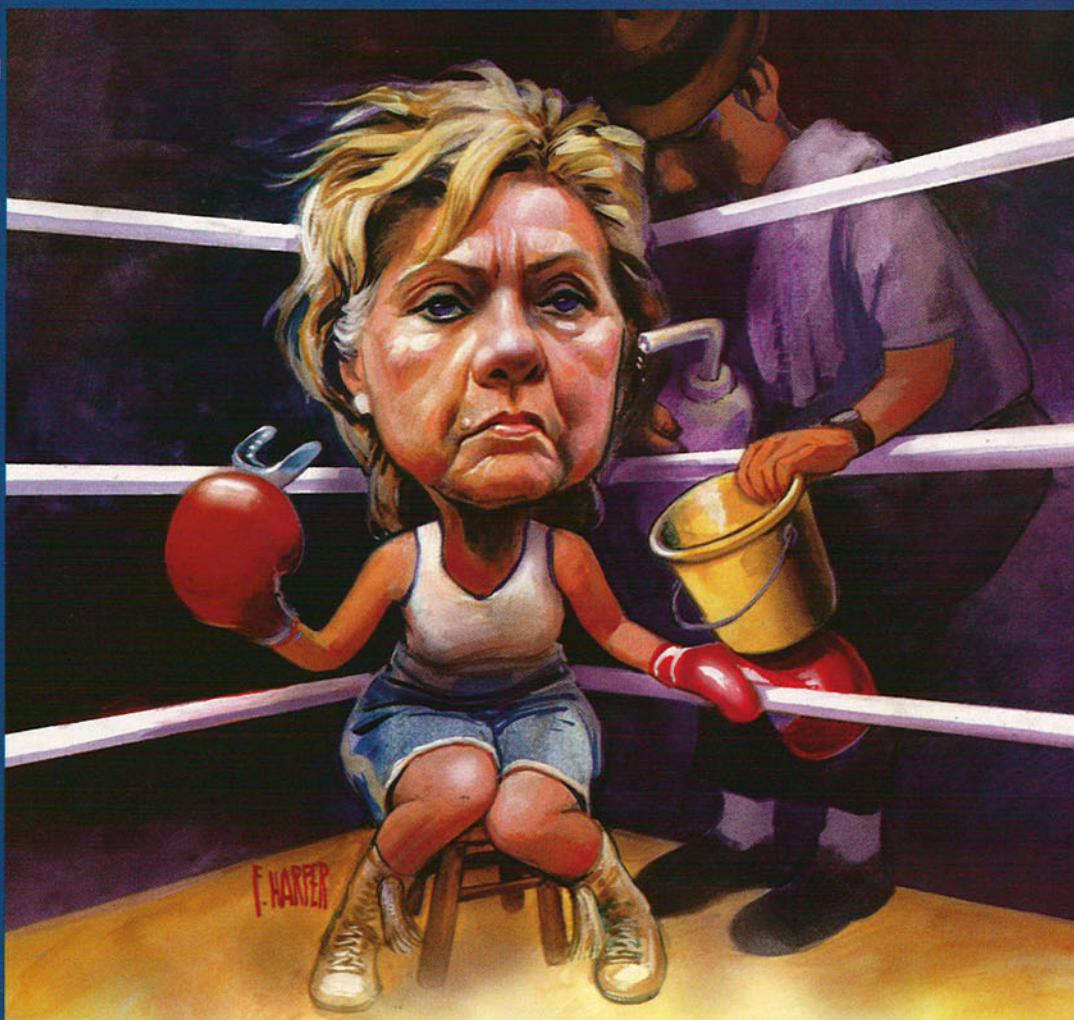
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New cars: What the critics say

AutoWeek

GT-Rrrrrr! Nissan's "world-class supercar" comes equipped with a twin-turbo, front-mounted V6 that drives all four wheels on a rear-mounted transaxle. "Take a breath. Okay, continue." This dual-clutch six-speeder can also be operated using paddles on the steering wheel. The GT-R may just possibly be better than the iconic Porsche 911 Turbo.



Nissan GT-R
\$70,000

Car & Driver

This 480-hp supercar promises to hit 60 mph in 3.5 seconds and has a top speed in "the neighborhood of 190 mph." A sensor

in the rear-wheel system instantly transfers torque from side to side as necessary, and

an "intriguing touch" is the addition of Bridgestone run-flat tires filled with nitrogen—"an old racing trick."

Newsday

Nissan's supersecret supercar, designed to go head-to-head with the 911 Turbo and the Corvette Z06, was developed over six years by a hand-picked team of engineers working like mad scientists. Even senior executives "were not allowed to inspect the work." Each engine is handmade, and only about 12,000 GT-Rs will be produced each year.

The best ... additions to your kitchen

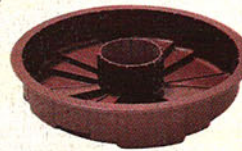
Gourmet takeout

Designer Lorena Barrezaeta reimagines those familiar takeout containers in porcelain instead of aluminum. Dishwasher-safe, they come in a wide range of sizes, shapes, and colors. Price: \$45-\$80
Contact: Lorenabarrezaeta.com
Source: Forbes Life



S-XL cake pan

Satisfy the portion preferences of all your cake-eating guests with this pan from German design company Konstantin Slawinski. Its innovative design divides a cake into 15 individual slices of varying widths and heights. Price: \$49
Contact: Vessel.com
Source: Wallpaper



Standz kitchen tools

These ergonomically designed utensils make peeling potatoes and scooping ice cream a cinch. Their chief attraction, however, is that they stand

upright and help keep countertops clean. Price: \$5-\$7
Contact: Amazon.com
Source: O, The Oprah Magazine

Herb-Savor

This mini-greenhouse extends the life of fresh herbs for up to three weeks—and fits inside your refrigerator door. A water-well base keeps stems irrigated, and a removable stainless-steel tray holds herbs in place. Price: \$30
Contact: Prepara.com
Source: ID-mag



Progressive measuring spoons

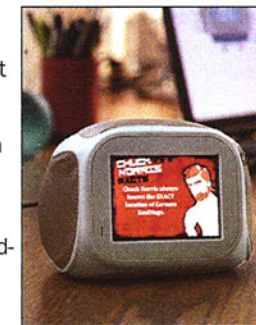
Whether tucked in a drawer or stuck onto the fridge, these magnetic nesting spoons stay together but separate easily "so you don't have to dirty the entire set if you need to use just one." Price: \$8
Contact: Macys.com
Source: Real Simple

Tip of the week ... how to leave a proper voice mail

■ **Think before you speak.** Ramble on, and you just may get cut off. So start your voice mail with an overview. "Map out" the reason you're calling and then add any relevant details. Preparing in advance also means that if the person actually answers, you'll be ready to talk.
■ **Start with the numbers.** Leaving a phone number is the "most critical" part of the call. Be sure to mention it at the beginning of the message, so the person "won't have to replay the whole thing just to jot it down." Just to be safe, say it again at the end, and enunciate clearly both times.
■ **It's not about you.** It takes two to have a conversation, even when you're just leaving a message. Whether the subject is business or personal, try to express "what is in it" for the person. If the topic is genuinely complicated or sensitive, don't leave a voice mail at all. Call back.
Source: Allure

And for those who have everything ...

If accessing the Internet on your phone isn't enough, the **Chumby** lets you do it from a nightstand—or anywhere else around the house. The "cuddly, coffee-cup-sized" box taps into wireless Internet connections, displays the latest news or other information feeds, and even plays music. "Connectivity has never been so cute."
Price: \$180
Contact: Chumby.com
Source: Good magazine



The Internet ... sites for consumers with a conscience

■ **Betterworldshopper.com** "grades more than 1,000 of the world's largest companies' products" based on such matters as human rights and social justice. Its report card—a compact booklet with "its A (best) to F (worst) grades"—will cost you \$10.
■ **Coopamerica.org** is "an online directory of nearly 3,000 green businesses." Companies pay to join but must be approved by the site's committee, which examines "the way they source, manufacture, and market their products."
■ **Corporatcritic.org** ranks "more than 50,000 companies' social responsibility" on a 15-point scale. Criteria range from "how the firms treat the environment and their employees" to whether they incorporate eco-friendly materials and Fairtrade-certified products.
Source: Shop Smart

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