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## **CrunchGear**

### **Protip: Wear these cufflinks to ensure there's no second date**

Nothing says "well dressed man" like fine cufflinks. On the other hand, nothing says "I have no desire to date" like [these cufflinks](#). Available from Etsy, everyone's favorite peddler of homemade haute couture, these clay Mario Mushrooms come in your choice of a pair of green or red. Or hell, mix the two if you want. You're the master of your destiny.

They're a bargain at \$24, plus you save money by never having to buy a girl dinner.

[<http://www.crunchgear.com/2008/11/28/protip-wear-these-cufflinks-to-ensure-there's-no-second-date/>]

### **Rumor: New Xbox 360 mobo to get 256MB flash memory**

Images of Jasper, the new (manufactured [Oct 23](#)) Xbox 360 mobo, show some neat features that haven't been announced or confirmed by Microsoft. Among them are the run of the mill 150W power supply (lower power consumption means lower power bills for you, natch), a GPU with a smaller footprint, and 256MB of internal storage via a flash chip.

Xbox Scene is pretty positive that the onboard storage means you can install the NXE dashboard without robbing you of hard disk space. Good news for those of you who are trying to milk every single byte out of your already-crammed hard drives.

The new GPU is built on a 65nm process — and as you may have learned from [the constant shrinking of processors](#), the smaller the process, the less power drawn and the less heat produced. This is good news for reliability, as RROD problems were heat-based; if you're still trepidatious about dropping \$250 on a hot brick, this next generation may set you at ease.

Nothing else too groundbreaking here, unless RAM configurations get you hot.

[<http://www.crunchgear.com/2008/11/28/rumor-xbox-360-motherboard-to-get-256mb-flash-memory/>]

### **Dudes keep Motorola clinging to its market share for one more year**

Motorola somehow managed to keep its position this year as the number one mobile phone manufacturer in the US, [according to a report by analysts at Multimedia Intelligence](#), but things aren't looking so hot for next year. The analysts predict that RIM and Apple's penetration (heh) into the mobile market are causing heartache for

Moto and its 21% market share. Samsung and LG are looking to overtake the big bad batwing in the next year.

Samsung, Blackberry and LG led in the 12-17, 35-44, and 35-34 age groups, respectively. Samsung also flashed its lady-killing skills as the most popular among the fairer sex while Motorola threw a sausage party for all the men in the house.

Also absolutely shocking to me is that women make up nearly 60% of Treo customers. That means that out of the approximately ten Treos sold last year, six of them belong to ladies.

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### **Sony collects information on little kids, has to put sign in yard**

Sony, your and my favorite MiniDisc purveyor, is [being sued](#) by the United States of America for gathering and disclosing information on kids without telling their parents. The suit, filed by the Federal Trade Commission, says that Sony violated the [Children's Online Privacy Protection Act](#). The FTC is seeking an unknown amount of money and wants them to stop it with the kiddie collecting.

The FTC alleges that Sony's music-related sites have collected ZIP codes, dates of birth, phone numbers, names and addresses. Additionally, the sites allow 13 year-olds users to register regardless of age, despite Sony's policies that state the opposite.

Sony has begun taking its stroll around the neighborhood to chat with parents under the supervision of its newly-hired compliance officer and has agreed to pay a \$1 million fine.

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### **WinMo easier to use than iPhone? Consumer Reports says yes**

Listen up, people. Consumer Reports is a great publication if you're in the market for a toaster or [AA batteries](#). In the interest of self-disclosure, I plan to read the hell out of their reviews when I'm shopping around for my next steam iron.

But like anything else, you have to know which opinions to trust and which to discard. I'd never ask my grandmother for her thoughts on international trade relations or Nickelback's Chad Kroeger for his top ten albums of the year. Similarly, I wouldn't ask Consumer Reports for help picking out my next mobile phone.

Case in point: CR recently gave WinMo an [excellent rating](#) for its ease of use. For those of you keeping score, that's higher than both the iPhone and the G1. Having used all three in varying capacities, I'm pretty sure that this just isn't the case. Say what you will about the iPhone and its faults, but Apple definitely polished the OS to be one of the most user-friendly interfaces in the game today.

[<http://www.crunchgear.com/2008/12/01/winmo-easier-to-use-than-iphone-consumer-reports-says-yes/>]

## Good and bad news in the world of online Black Friday finances

Despite the ongoing economic woes, [comScore](#) is reporting online sales figures totaling \$534 million for Black Friday – up 1% from last year. Spending on Thanksgiving also rose 6% over 2007's figures. The increase showed a better-than-expected economic performance in the online sector.

Not surprisingly, analysts are pointing to deep discounts and aggressive promotions as part of the reason why online sales did so well. ComScore chairman Gian Fulgoni noted that Cyber Monday may be just as important a test as Friday:

“Cyber Monday may well prove to be an important indicator of whether the decline in spending that we've seen during the first few weeks of the online holiday season will continue for the balance of the year.”

However, the numbers leading up to the biggest shopping day of the year tell a different story. This year's numbers show a 4% decrease, nearly \$400 million in total, in spending from November 1 to November 28, and analysts are forecasting no change in the amount spent on Cyber Monday compared to 2007.

Also included in the report is an interesting breakdown of shopping trends in terms of time. Unlike their retail store-going brethren, online shoppers were more likely to buy between the hours of 12 and 4 p.m. than any other time period.

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### ***Juggle.com Blog***

## Biker Floyd Pink with Embarrassment in Doping Case, Makes Lance Cry Tears of Blood

Mothers for years to come will tell the cautionary, tragic tale of [Floyd Landis](#), the guy that had it all and lost it just as famously. The disgraced former [Tour de France](#) winner stunned everyone who doesn't work for a drug testing facility when he backpedaled (get it?) and admitted using performance enhancing drugs. Slightly more shocking was his accusation that former [USPS](#) teammate [Lance Armstrong](#) also cheated the system.

Landis alleged that Armstrong had taken drugs and dodged blood tests by receiving blood transfusions, which incidentally Armstrong might have needed today had his eye kept gushing blood after wiping out in the Tour of [California](#).

Also from the world of high-profile finger pointing comes a sentence we never thought we'd type: [Naomi Campbell](#) could be a witness at a [war crimes trial](#). Campbell says she can prove that former Liberian president [Charles Taylor](#) had a bunch of rough diamonds in his possession. If that doesn't sound like such a big deal to you, [Leonardo DiCaprio](#) would like to remind you that he starred in a movie called [Blood Diamond](#) to teach you all about this. If you're still not following us, blood diamonds in Africa are often sold to fund [civil wars](#) and insurgencies, which is what Charles Taylor allegedly did in [Sierra Leone](#).

Campbell allegedly received a large diamond from Taylor as a gift while visiting [South Africa](#) in 1997. [Mia Farrow](#) can totally back her up, apparently, and Taylor had better not lie while he's on trial because we hear that [Naomi has a mean right hook](#).

[<http://blog.juggle.com/2010/05/20/biker-floyd-pink-with-embarrassment-in-doping-case-makes-lance-cry-tears-of-blood/>]

## SlashFilm Disappoints Scores of Fans by Revealing that the Star Wars Title Screen was an Illusion

Sorry, fellow nerds. Those gigantic yellow letters crawling across the opening moments of the [Star Wars](#) movies? They aren't actually huge letters in space. It makes sense if you think about it. We had just [sent a man to the Moon](#) a decade earlier, so the chances that our space construction technology had progressed far enough to build massive letters – and keep them in tight paragraphs, no less! – were pretty slim.

As the picture above clearly shows, [George Lucas](#) pulled out all the stops (and our hearts) by printing the text on the cinematic equivalent of that thing our teachers used to put transparencies on the overhead, and then shooting it with a camera.

This disappointment reminds us of another time when our perception of the things around us were smashed to pieces. We're talking, of course, about when the quintessential American sitcom [Roseanne](#) tried to pull a fast one on us by subbing in [Sarah Chalke](#) for Alicia Goranson. Naturally it was a pleasant surprise since Sarah was much easier on the eyes, but this was our generation's [Bewitched](#) debacle. We hadn't felt this crushed since we realized [Gary Coleman](#) wasn't nine and found out [Mark McGwire](#) wasn't an [American Gladiator](#).

[<http://blog.juggle.com/2010/05/20/slashfilm-disappoints-scores-of-fans-by-revealing-that-the-star-wars-title-screen-was-an-illusion/>]

## Justin Bieber Gets Booted, Russell Crowe Keeps Booting

Tweens all around the world are mourning the death of [Justin Bieber](#)'s run on [Twitter](#)'s trending topics list (say that three times fast). The social networking site for the short-winded among us (do we even have to explain what [Twitter](#) is anymore?) decided to re-jigger their trending topics algorithm to highlight things that are happening right now, not just things that are drawing [Conan O'Brien](#)'s tweets.

And while we're pouring out a bit of our Capri Sun on the curb for Justin, [Russell Crowe](#) is waving cigarettes in the face of criticism. After being asked if his version of [Robin Hood](#) had a bit of [Irish](#) in his accent, Crowe lashed out like an [American Gangster](#) and told the interviewer what was on his [Beautiful Mind](#). He really showed that guy who was [Master and Commander](#). After calling the stunned journalist's portfolio a [Body of Lies](#), Crowe hopped on the [3:10 to Yuma](#) and did something really awesome with a sword so we could work in a [Gladiator](#) reference.

[<http://blog.juggle.com/2010/05/17/justin-bieber-gets-booted-russell-crowe-keeps-booting/>]

## Fox Tries Again with New Arnett-Hurwitz Show

We love [Arrested Development](#). We've made no bones about that. We were crushed when it was canceled and [Prison Break](#) was allowed to live on, devastated when former stars put the kibosh on the Arrested Development movie, and driven to tears when we found out [Jason Bateman](#) was in [Extract](#) (maybe he lost a bet?). But that's neither here nor there.

Today is a new day, and Arrested Development creator [Mitch Hurwitz](#) has teamed up again with former Arrested star [Will Arnett](#) for a new [Fox](#) offering called Running Wilde. [Keri Russell](#) plays the tree-hugging object of LA jerk Arnett's affection, which beats our guess that it was about [Oscar Wilde](#) training for the [Boston Marathon](#).

Running Wilde premieres this fall on Fox. And while we don't expect it to land on [TV Guide's list of the 50 greatest TV shows of all time](#) in our lifetime, please, for the sake of the children, make sure you watch this one.

[<http://blog.juggle.com/2010/05/13/fox-tries-again-with-new-arnett-hurwitz-show/>]

## After Losing a Second iPhone Prototype, Steve Jobs Puts on Some Norah Jones and Takes a Long Soak in His Solid Gold Tub

It hasn't been a stellar couple of months for [Apple](#) CEO [Steve Jobs](#). He's getting sued by just about everybody (we're looking at you, [Nokia](#) and [HTC](#)). His iPhone OS fell to number three behind [RIM](#) and [Google's](#) Android. And fresh off of sending the gendarme into [Gizmodo](#) editor Jason Chen's house for picking up a prototype [next-gen iPhone](#) that fell off the proverbial truck, new pictures surfaced today of Apple's worst kept secret.

A website in Vietnam posted pictures early this morning (well, early for us) of the [newest iPhone](#). Gizmodo may have beaten the Vietnamese blog to the punch by getting pictures and videos up a few weeks earlier, but the Vietnamese were able to show off the new iPhone's awesome touchscreen, [Samsung](#) SDRAM and home-brewed Apple A4 processor.

We can't say we are at all surprised that Apple's got a new bun in the oven; heck, this is the third update in as many Junes. We are just shocked - stunned, even! - that Steve Jobs's iron curtain in [Cupertino](#) has rusted clean through.

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## Glee's Cory Monteith Turns 28, Realizes His Life is Super Creepy

A very special happy birthday to [Cory Monteith](#). For those of you not in the know, Cory plays Finn Hudson on [Fox's](#) runaway smash hit [Glee](#). Even though Mr. Monteith thrills us week after week with his dancing and singing (often at the same time), we can't help but feel a little jaded. After all, he's a full decade older than his television counterpart.

We're not wagging our fingers at Fox, though, since stuffing older dudes into younger dudes' roles is nothing new. We loved [Joseph Gordon-Levitt](#) in [Brick](#), but none of us

bought for a second that he was still in high school. [Tim Matheson](#) was 31 when he played Otter in [Animal House](#) (maybe he was a grad student), and who was [Haley Joel Osmen](#)t kidding when he thought he could pull the wool over our eyes in [The Sixth Sense](#)? Come on guy, an eleven year-old playing a nine year-old? Yeah, that's rich!

[<http://blog.juggle.com/2010/05/11/glees-cory-monteith-turns-28-realizes-his-life-is-super-creepy/>]

## The Day Dallas was Perfect in Oakland

[Oakland Athletics](#) pitcher [Dallas Braden](#) joined an elite club Sunday, becoming only the 19th pitcher in Major League Baseball history to hurl a perfect game. Determined to prove he can pitch more than just a hissy fit, Dallas set aside his beef with [New York Yankees](#) pretty boy [Alex Rodriguez](#) (who knew you can't [run across the pitcher's mound](#)?) just long enough to retire 27 [Tampa Bay Rays](#) and log the first perfect game since [Mark Buehrle](#) did it in 2009.

Alright, a year between historical events might not sound that astounding, but Braden is in good company. Other modern-era perfect game pitchers include [Cy Young](#), [Sandy Koufax](#) and [Randy Johnson](#).

We here at Juggle would like to congratulate Dallas on his once-in-a-lifetime achievement, but we admittedly have an easier time identifying with [Wade McGilberry](#). He's the 23 year-old who recently won \$1 million for being the first person to pitch a perfect game in [2K Games](#)'s MLB 2K10. Now if you'll excuse us, we have to start training our thumbs for MLB 2K11.

[<http://blog.juggle.com/2010/05/10/the-day-dallas-was-perfect-in-oakland/>]