

The But Goes On!

It's July, and the *but* single has a hot new partner, the *but* video, now available on VHS. See the other side for a few scenes from the *but* video.



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BUTTVILLE PICTURE OF THE MONTH

How Do You Spell the Word?

This month *The New Butopian* wants to address the issue that, more than any other, threatens to divide the Butopian community into warring factions. Do you use one "t" or two? You remember *The Unity Song* we learned as children, to the tune of the *Mr. Ed Theme*. "A but(t) is a but(t), that's what, that's what, and everyone knows it's a but(t), that's what, it matters not if you spell the but(t) with a single 't' or two." So you can spell it with one "t" or two, depending on your point of view. Or so the adults told us officially. But somehow you knew how to spell the word without even thinking about it—not so coincidentally, you spelled it the way your parents and their friends did. As a publication that seeks to address the community as a whole, *The New Butopian* tries to balance coverage of both butts and buts. We don't try to place one viewpoint above the other, we don't want anyone to sacrifice their convictions, we don't wish to turn prepositionists into double-enders, or vice versa.

Rather, we want to remind all Butopians here and now that what we have in common means so much more than our minor grammatical and spelling differences. Be wary of anyone who, for their own selfish gain, tries to create friction among the community by amplifying those differences. And above all, have some tolerance for someone who looks at a but(t) a little differently from the way you do.



The Sportsman's Pride is Buttzville's pride! And you probably won't miss it as you pass by on U.S. Route 46 going through the center of town. Hard to believe that it could be for rent, but we're sure it won't be available for long!

Hollywood Producer Sells Souls for Hits

Hollywood record producer Coldehardt Cash revealed in a recent interview who's behind the string of hits that he has been "pumping out" with amazing frequency over the past two years—the Prince of Darkness himself. Cash said that his contract with Satan is "pretty standard" in the industry—

in exchange for his soul, damned to hell for all eternity, and the souls of his wife and two children, also damned to hell for all eternity, Cash will get an unlimited number of top ten records. He admits that he joked with the Devil during the signing, saying "What's the catch?"

"I've got nothing to hide," Cash said, "and I like working with pros—this guy's been around since before the world began, he knows how to get things done." Coldehardt noted that his deal has an unusual options clause, which would allow him to produce a small number of hit movies in exchange for the souls of his next two children if he decides to have them. But with that exception, he says his contract "is no different from half the producers in this town—if you put out *this* story with some screaming banner in *this* town, you'll probably put a lot of folks to sleep!"

Since rock and roll arrived in the mid-1950s, religious zealots have condemned what they term "the Devil's music." According to Cash, the Lord of the Flies did have some small connection with early rock and roll, but "he was mainly hedging his bets, he saw it as a fad—he really got a lot more

credit than he deserved." And in the 1960s era of flower power and Aquarian dreams, Satan lost all interest.

Oh, really? What about *Sympathy for the Devil*, and Altamont? "Of course the song was a bit flattering. But he had nothing to do with Altamont—what a botched piece of amateur bad publicity! Lucifer told me he doesn't think anyone from his office was involved, although he admits his operation is so large he can't possibly keep track of every low level demon-in-training who gets picked up by personnel from a promising résumé."

That was then... "The money started to get so good in the early 1970s, Old Scratch decided to take a second look, and he liked what he saw. It's hardly a coincidence that by the middle of the decade, the charts were saturated with soulless commercial exercises. He got really carried away during that era, things got a bit out of hand, it took him a while to settle into a more balanced approach."

And that's the story now—balance? "Sure, and the balance sheet. Satan knows by now he could have almost every producer in this town in his hip pocket, so why not go (continued on other side)



Cash Has a Hot New Partner

Satan's L.A. office was unable to furnish a current photo. "He doesn't photograph well," said one of his assistants, who did supply us with this recent likeness drawn by an employee.



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official statement, 7/1/00,
re: but single vs.
but album availability
The but single—is done,
available NOW.
The but album—is not done,
not available YET.

But Definition of the Month
butty ('bat-ē), n. pl **butties** [unknown origin] chiefly British (ca. 1790): a fellow worker : CHUM, PARTNER (makes you wonder about those British...)

**BUT(T)S IN POLITICS:
 A RECENT T-SHIRT**



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Producer Sells Souls

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 with the winners, the guys who don't even blink when they have to sign in blood, and who look good doing it! Any fool can sell his soul for material gain, but the real pros do it with style and make it look easy—you'd think they never even had a soul to begin with. Sacrifice friends, relatives, even small shreds of decency, dignity and/or integrity—no problem! Check please!"
 Does Coldehardt think his children might miss their souls? "Not if they're children of mine. I only wish my father could have done something like this for me, unfortunately the opportunities just weren't there years ago. There's nothing like a Mercedes for clearing your head about any ideas of lost character or values!"

Satan could not be reached at his Burbank office for comment about a deal with Cash, and his spokesman would only say that "The King of This World and Mr. Cash have held business discussions," refusing to confirm or deny the existence of an actual signed document. But friends of Cash have admitted that he told them of the deal, and at least one claims to have seen Cash's copy of the document.

Just before he hung up, Satan's spokesman added a closing aside. "I've heard that the Japanese plan for the next ten years, Americans for the next ten minutes. When you're trying to get someone to give up their eternal future, in return for what are at best very short-lived gains, who better to ask than an American businessman?"

Who indeed, although, given the current state of Japan's economy, there may be some truth to the rumor that Satan is considering opening a Tokyo branch. Most of the Japanese may not believe he even exists, but he probably won't let that stop him.

But Celeb of the Month

This man (profiled at left) has the same name as our May 2000 *But Celeb of the Month*, but he's an athlete, not a comedian—he retired from the L.A. Dodgers in 1997 at age 40 after 16 years in the Majors. And if we thought our readers actually remembered this stuff from one month to the next, this month's Celeb question would be ridiculously easy.

(Answer in next month's TNB)

Answer to June 2000 *But Celeb of the Month*—Earl Butz, of course, pictured at right.



"Pick a lane, **ButtBrain**," says a dashboard-mounted gizmo called **Revenger2K**, marketed by Spencer Gifts or revenger.com. The Revenger2K also has 7 other verbal attacks and a range of sound effects that include a bomb, a truck horn and a machine gun.

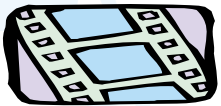
"Get the plug out of your **butt!**" said two characters in quick succession on a recent segment of *MadTV*.

For a program that often features its share of butt references, May 16 was certainly a banner day on The **Howard Stern Show**. "You've got to get Savannah's **butt** out of my face," said **Robin Quivers**, referring to a large poster next to her. Moments later, as porn actress Brittany Andrews walked in, Robin said to her, "Any zitts on your **butt?**" And for a third reference within a five-minute period, Howard said, "The drummer was fooling around with my **butt** with one of his sticks," referring to the reason why his vocal sounded so strange when he was singing with the Foo Fighters.

"The Nicks play the Pacers tonight," said WXRK (New York) DJ **Julie Slater** in late May, "[It] should be an interesting game since they got their **butts** whupped on Tuesday."


From a recent TV commercial advertising metal roofs, the actors have the following exchange:
 "(Man driving) It has a metal roof, it should stick out like..."
 "(Woman riding)...like your **butt** in a bathing suit!"

Scenes from a Video



Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the *but* video should contact Red Cent Records at wiselder@aol.com.



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