Let's face it, a girl can reload The Matrix only so many times before a zillion dollars' worth of special effects starts losing its charm. Welcome to Mooseport (February 6) stars Gene Hackman as a former U.S. president who decides to run for mayor of a tiny Maine town. Ray Romano is the local hardware store owner who decides not to let him run unopposed. Look for the very smart and very funny Christine Baranski to be very smart and very funny as Hackman's vengeful ex-wife.

Break out the cleavage and borrow the Harry Winston: Joan and Melissa Rivers are armed (with microphones) and dangerous (with fashion critiques). This month the Grammys (February 8, CBS), the SAG Awards (February 22, TNT), the Oscars (February 29, ABC), and the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show (February 9 and 10, USA) will roll out the red carpet.

The Divine Miss M. has gotten her act together and taken it on the road. To see if Bette Midler's Kiss My Brass tour will be in your neighborhood, go to experience the divine.com.

Ever hear of a woman named Alice Paul? Well, she's one of the Iron Jawed Angels (a.k.a. suffragettes), who fought long

and hard and dirty so you'd have the right to vote. Hilary Swank plays her

with astonishing grit in an amazing HBO biopic (February 15).

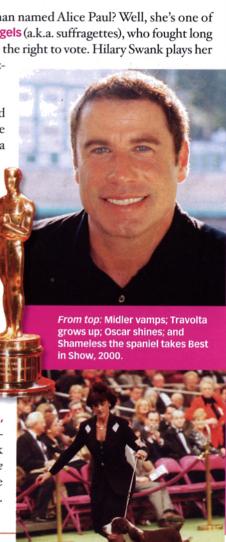
If he were a rich man, Alfred Molina might never have gone into theater, and that would be a shame, as he'll make a brilliant Tevye when the Broadway revival of Fiddler on the Roof opens (February 12).

This is what 50 looks like! Happy birthday to John Travolta (February 18).

Feel like some pure, unadulterated madness? It's Mardi Gras in New Orleans (February 24).

Long before Baz Luhrmann captured the tawdry Parisian club scene, another artist gave us his upclose and intimate take. Check out Toulouse-Lautrec: Master of the Moulin Rouge at the Baltimore Museum of Art (through May 23).

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Pisces, Aries aghast to wake up next to each other

Sextrolog

Unless you can picture Beyoncé, Pink, Cameron Diaz, Greta Garbo, and Sophia Loren as members of the same convent, it's time to disregard everything you've read about Virgo's nunlike fastidiousness. In Sextrology (HarperCollins), authorastrologers Stella Starsky and Quinn Cox mix lust and love with scorpions, archers. fishies, and the nine other signs to produce an encyclopedically detailed, star-crossed compatibility guide to zodiacal lovemaking and heartbreaking. Gay or straight, Taurus or Gemini, readers discover why, for example, Aguarian men seem to expect worship. How come there are so few bisexual Capricorn women? What's a Sagittarian's favorite position? Divided by gender, sexual preference, and sign pairing, Sextrology is extensively researched, and wonderfully dirty. —Peter Smith