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## Austin Powers 5 is a surprisingly smashing good

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Fredericksburg, VA The latest installment in the Austin Powers franchise has hit theaters, and it's as outrageous and entertaining as ever. "Austin Powers: Quelching of Solace" takes viewers on a wild ride filled with humor, action, and a heavy dose of 90s nostalgia. This movie is a comedic gem that delivers laughs at every turn.

**Plot Overview:** The film opens with Austin Powers, Fat Bastard, and Vesponia enjoying a vacation in Dubrovnik, Croatia. Austin's ringtone, "Wannabe" by the Spice Girls, sets the tone for the 90s-themed adventure. The trio quickly packs up and heads to Santiago, Chile, to rescue a kidnapped scientist. From there, the plot spirals into a series of increasingly absurd scenarios.

### Key Scenes:

**Opening Scene with the Shagjet:** The movie kicks off with Austin Powers piloting the Shagjet, which is humorously equipped with waterskis. The Shagjet glides across the Adriatic Sea, showcasing Austin's flamboyant style and setting the tone for the adventure. **Fat Bastard and Vesponia join him,** enjoying the ride and making witty remarks. **Briefing Scene in London:** Austin and his team attend a high-stakes briefing at MI6 headquarters in London. The scene is filled with suspense as the team is introduced to the enigmatic Fantasy Freon. The briefing hypes up Freon's extravagant and chaotic nature, making the audience guess whether he is the real mastermind behind the chaos. The tension builds as Austin and his team prepare for their mission. **Chase Scene in Havana:** Austin and his team race through the streets

in a classic convertible, with Scarlett Steele providing aerial support in the Shagjet. The high-speed chase is reminiscent of "The Fast and the Furious," but with a comedic twist. **Volcano San José and Glacial Flood:** The team navigates treacherous terrain near an active volcano, dealing with a sudden glacial flood. During this scene, they discover that the supposed enemy base near the volcano is actually a farce, filled with fake equipment and props. Austin's reference to "Titanic" adds a humorous touch to the tense situation. **Valparaíso:** The team visits the colorful port city of Valparaíso, where they must navigate the winding streets and vibrant murals to find clues about the villains' plans. The scene includes a thrilling rooftop chase and humorous interactions with local artists. Austin makes a quip about feeling like Lara Croft from "Tomb Raider" as they leap across rooftops. **Baburizza Palace Tomb Raid:** In a thrilling twist, one of the villains' goons raids the historic Baburizza Palace in Valparaíso, searching for a hidden artifact that could aid their plans. The scene is filled with suspense and dark humor, as the goon clumsily navigates booby traps and ancient puzzles. Austin and his team arrive just in time to thwart the raid, leading to a humorous and action-packed confrontation. **Metro Crash in Santiago:** Sheikh Al-Rashid causes a catastrophic metro crash in Santiago, Chile, as part of his chaotic plan. The scene is intense and action-packed, with Austin and his team rushing to save civilians and stop the Sheikh's henchmen. The crash adds a dramatic twist to the plot, showcasing the high stakes of their mission. **Interrogation Scene:** Austin and Vesponia capture one of Sheikh Al-Rashid's henchmen and interrogate him in a humorous yet intense scene. Through a series of comedic mishaps and clever questioning, they reveal that Fantasy Freon is the mastermind behind the chaos. The henchman's

confession adds a surprising twist to the plot. **Encounter with Fantasy Freon:** The team infiltrates a lavish party in Equatorial Guinea, blending in with wild dance-offs and 90s hits like "Macarena" and "Vogue." Austin's quip about Britney Spears' "Oops!... I Did It Again" is a fun nod to the era. **Failed Storming of Malabo:** Creamer Cumpf's attempt to storm the capital with dancing robots fails spectacularly, providing plenty of laughs. Austin's witty remarks about Cumpf's absurd tower design are a highlight. **Norfolk, Virginia Scene:** Assisted by Admiral Taitanas, played by Missy Elliott, the team intercepts mind-control technology in a thrilling chase through Norfolk. The scene is filled with humorous moments, including Austin's attempts to navigate a speedboat. **Introduction of Bob Bigcrook:** The murderous Pennsylvanian hillbilly, Bob Bigcrook, is revealed to be working for Sheikh Al-Rashid as the leader of their American operations. In a shocking twist, Bob orchestrates the explosion of a hospital, adding a dark and dramatic element to the plot. The team must race against time to stop Bob and save innocent lives. **Showdown Finale on Easter Island:** The climax of the movie takes place on Easter Island, where Austin and his team face off against the villains in an epic showdown. The Moai statues, transformed into gun posts by Prigo Peggosio, create a formidable defense system. The team uses their ingenuity and teamwork to overcome the obstacles, leading to a thrilling and humorous battle. Austin's quick wit and Vesponia's strength are key to their success, while Fat Bastard provides comic relief with his antics.

**End Credits Scene:** As the credits roll, viewers are treated to a surprise scene showing Dr. Evil being unfrozen. The scene hints at his return, setting the stage for future adventures. Dr. Evil's dramatic emergence from his cryogenic chamber, complete with his signature

pinky gesture, leaves fans eagerly anticipating what's next.

Serious Navy Scenes:

Navy Preemptive Strike: Admiral Taitannas leads a serious and coordinated preemptive strike on Fantasy Freon's drug operations. The navy uses precise and strategic maneuvers to disrupt Freon's operations, showcasing Admiral Taitannas's strategic brilliance and no-nonsense attitude. The scene is intense and action-packed, highlighting the professionalism and efficiency of the naval forces. Comedic Elements:

Construction of Easter Island Base: Peggosis's attempts to oversee the construction of a missile disguised as a wind turbine are filled with humorous mishaps and bumbling workers. UN Presentation: Austin's exaggerated presentation to the UN delegates, filled with 90s pop culture references and featuring an unexpected cameo by the Chinese Premier reacting with bewilderment to Austin's antics, adds an extra layer of humor. Special Appearance:

Cheeky Reference: During one of Austin's presentations at the UN, he humorously references his own reputation as an international man of mystery who has "quelched more than just solace," adding another layer of cheeky humor. Conclusion: "Austin Powers: Quelching of Solace" is a hilarious masterpiece that delivers laughs at every turn. The film's blend of action, humor, and 90s nostalgia makes it an entertaining watch. Fans of the franchise will appreciate the outrageous antics and witty dialogue, while newcomers will be drawn in by the sheer fun and chaos.



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## International Moose Count Underway

By BOB O'BOBSTON

The UN-sponsored International Moose Census got off to a flying start today with hopes for an increase in the worldwide moose population compared to last year's disappointing figures. Among the traditional early reporters were Egypt, returning figures of six moose, a twenty percent increase on 2011's figures of five, and Uruguay whose moose population remains stable at eleven.

According to Robbie McRobson, head of the UN Moose Preservation Council, worldwide moose numbers are expected to grow markedly on last year due to the traditional moose strongholds of Canada and the United States, with the larger developing moose ecologies also poised to make gains. The largest percentage increase in moose will likely come from China", says McRobson, "The Chinese government has invested heavily in moose infrastructure over the past decade, and their commitment to macrofauna is beginning to pay dividends". Since 2004 China has expanded moose pasture from 1.5% of arable land to nearly 3.648% and moose numbers are expected to rise to 60,000 making China a net moose exporter for the first time. This is good news for neighbouring Mongolia, a barren moose-wasteland whose inhabitants nonetheless have an insatiable desire for the creatures. The increase in Beijing-Ulanbataar trade is anticipated to relieve pressure on the relatively strained Russian suppliers, but increase Mongolia's imbalance of trade with its larger neighbour.

Historically the only competitor to China in the far eastern moose markets has been Singapore but the tiny island nation is set to report a net loss, expecting a decrease of more than five percent on last year's 50,000 moose counted. The head of Singapore's Agency for Agriculture, Jing-Feng Lau, explained to an incredulous Singaporean parliament yester-

day that bad weather had contributed to this season's poor showing, most notably when a cargo of 150 moose were swept out into the Indian ocean in a monsoon.

Yet again the global demand for moose will be met largely by the US and Canada. The recession-hit States is taking comfort in its moose growth figures with gross production expected to break 700,000 and net exports to grow by 2%. The worldwide dominance of Canada shows no signs of abating though with this year's moose population expected to match last year's record figures of one hundred million billion.

Europe's rise as an international moose power will slow slightly this year as a response to the European Union's move towards standardising the European moose. Stringent quality controls are holding back the development of the eastern european populations compared to last year when they contributed significantly to europe's strong growth figures. Norway, which is not an EU member but has observer status, strengthened in numbers relative to the Euro area with numbers of Norwegian moose, known locally as elk" expected to rise for the tenth consecutive year, particularly thanks to a strong showing in the last quarter.

As moose season reaches its close, researchers world wide are turning to science in an attempt to boost next year's figures. NASA stunned the scientific community today with the announcement of their discovery that the moon is significantly smaller than previously believed. This conclusion, which is the conclusion of a ten-year collaborative project, will have profound implications for the moose community as the gravitational field is now known to be of the right strength to support moose in orbit.

According to John Johnson, head of the NASA Moon Sizing Experiment the first delivery of moose into low moon orbit could be achieved as early as the third quarter of next year. The technology to nurture moose in space is available now", he said, "all that is needed is political will".

## Granny wins

# World Wrestling Championship

By ROY MCROYSTON

Records were smashed in Nicaragua's World Wrestling Championship last night as 78-year-old Maud Johnson, grandmother of five, became the first woman for fifty-six years, and the oldest competitor ever, to claim the gold medal. She walked away with her million dollar share of the prize money, runner up Tommy Thompson from Nigeria taking half a million, and third place New Zealander John Smith receiving a warm handshake from the umpire.

Having started the tournament a rank outsider she began to impress in her second match when she took US number three Ron Ronson by surprise and subdued him in twenty seconds with her unique move that has been dubbed "Maud's Death Grip". The injection of a new wrestling style into the tournament was welcomed by spectators and Johnson's pre- and post-match breakdances have proved entertaining to fans. However, she was still not expected to win in round three last Wednesday, facing

off against title-holder Paulo "Spine-Snapper" Lutti, of Vatican City. Underdog Johnson was soon showing her worth with stamina and agility easily matching last year's winner. Lutti's experience paid off initially as he took the first two rounds, but as Johnson became more confident her superior strength came to the fore and she clawed back two rounds to take the contest into a decider. By this time Lutti's body language indicated that he already felt overawed by the pretender to his crown, and the newcomer took advantage of this to engage a mutual headlock which she held for three hours until the Vatican man retired from exhaustion. The next seven matches were barely a contest as the news of Johnson's supremacy overawed all her opponents who became too intimidated to fight properly.

Nigerian Tommy Thompson is also a relative newcomer to the wrestling scene, but with his 210lb frame he was expected to fare well against Johnson who weighs in at only 90lb. However Johnson's lithe and slender, some would say scrawny, figure belies her agility and strength which she demonstrated by holding Thompson above her head several times during the bout and throwing him into the crowd once. With the

scores tied at 2-2 time ran out and the contest went to a panel of judges to be assessed. They awarded Thompson a C grade whilst Johnson received an A, becoming the first grandmother to ever win the title.

The new champion explained her success as the result of a strict training regimen instituted by her coach and grandson five-year-old Sammy Johnson. "I've been drinking ten raw eggs for breakfast every morning, sprinting fifty miles a day and carrying my daughter's car to the end of the road and back whenever I felt my arthritis was OK" she said. Sammy added "I always knew she could do it. She's my grandma.". The youngster is also her manager and has reportedly arranged sponsorship deals which will dwarf her one million dollar prize fund. Her new contract with headband designer Nike alone is set to earn her fourteen billion dollars over the next year. She will also be promoting Tupperware, Halliburton, the Republic of Macedonia, and Gala Bingo. Her continued participation in the sport is not assured as she wants to spend more time on her bungee-jumping business, and knitting. Everyone here at the World Championships, however, hopes for her return.