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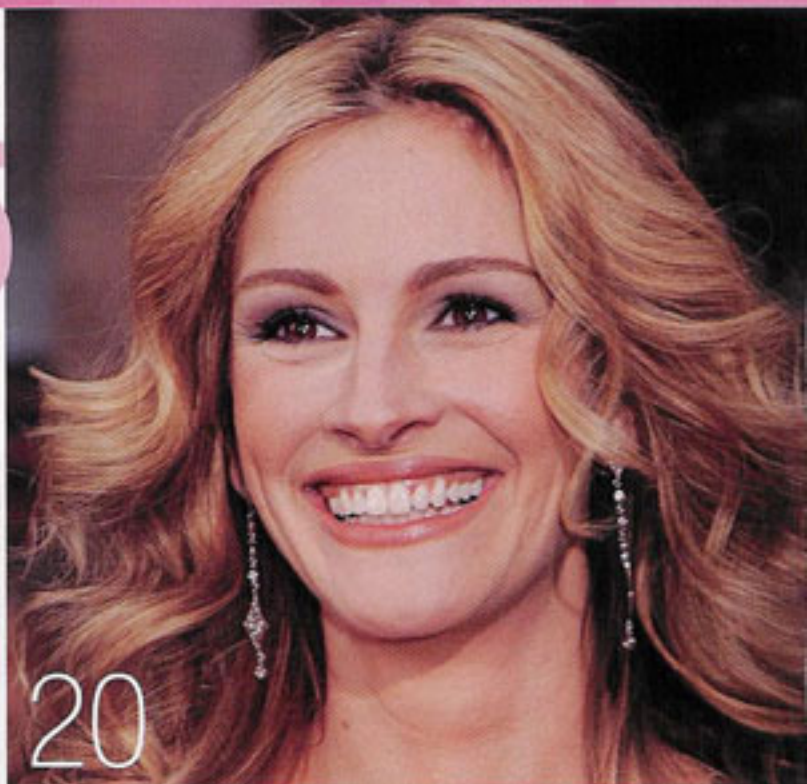
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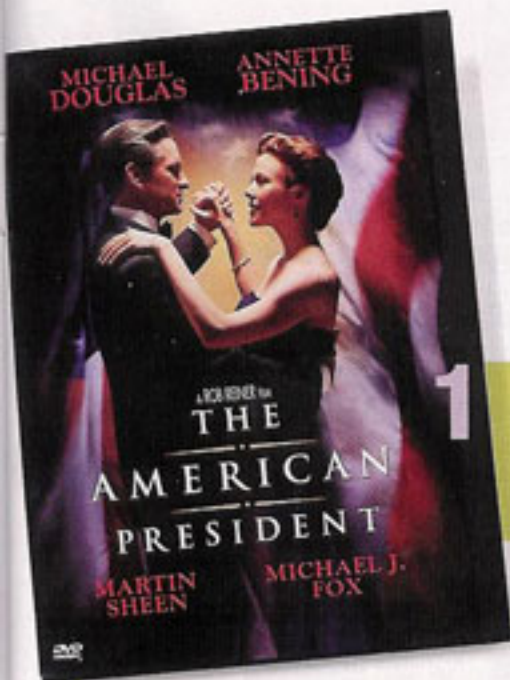
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**2 A PARTNER IN CRIME** Every Lucy has an Ethel. You'll trip through life together and laugh at its hilarity. And it doesn't have to be a woman. Who were better POCs than Bonnie and Clyde?



**5** **SOMEWHERE TO GET RID OF OLD BRIDESMAID GOWNS**

Trust us, you're never gonna wear them again. So donate them to the Glass Slipper Project ([www.glassslipperproject.org](http://www.glassslipperproject.org)), a nonprofit group that gives prom dresses to teens in need.

**A DVD YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON**

Whether you and your best bud are looking for something to do on a Saturday afternoon or you want to decompress after work, keep a good chick flick on hand at all times. Our faves: *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*, *The American President* and *Terms of Endearment*.



**3 A TRENCH COAT**

We don't know about you, but we want to look like hotties even when it's rainy and yucky outside. Enter the trench coat. Get a fitted one and you'll look as sexy as Ingrid Bergman in *Casablanca*. A good one with a great price: Short Trench from La Redoute for \$34.99.



**4 A WAY TO DEFEND YOURSELF**

Every woman should know how to kick a little butt, just in case. And you don't have to get all *Kill Bill*-like to do it. Check out the Self-Defense Deck: 50 Powerful Strategies for Staying Safe. This deck of cards teaches you strategies—like the Knee Strike and Tiger Claw Defense—in an easy, practical format.

**6 ONE GOOD KITCHEN KNIFE** Well, actually, two: a paring knife and a chef's knife. A good knife will cut anything, which means cooking is easier—and safer. Try Anolon Advanced Collection 8-inch chef's knife (\$50) and a 3 1/2-inch parer (\$20). Both have rubber grips and are relatively inexpensive as far as "good" knives go.



**7 AN AUTOMATIC MOOD BOOSTER**

We all find solace in a pint of Häagen-Dazs or a plateful of mac and cheese, but here's another way to dump the doldrums: Mood-lites, a new line of lightbulbs that uses color therapy to affect your mood. Put "Happy" yellow in your living room and blue "Tranquility" by your bedside.

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