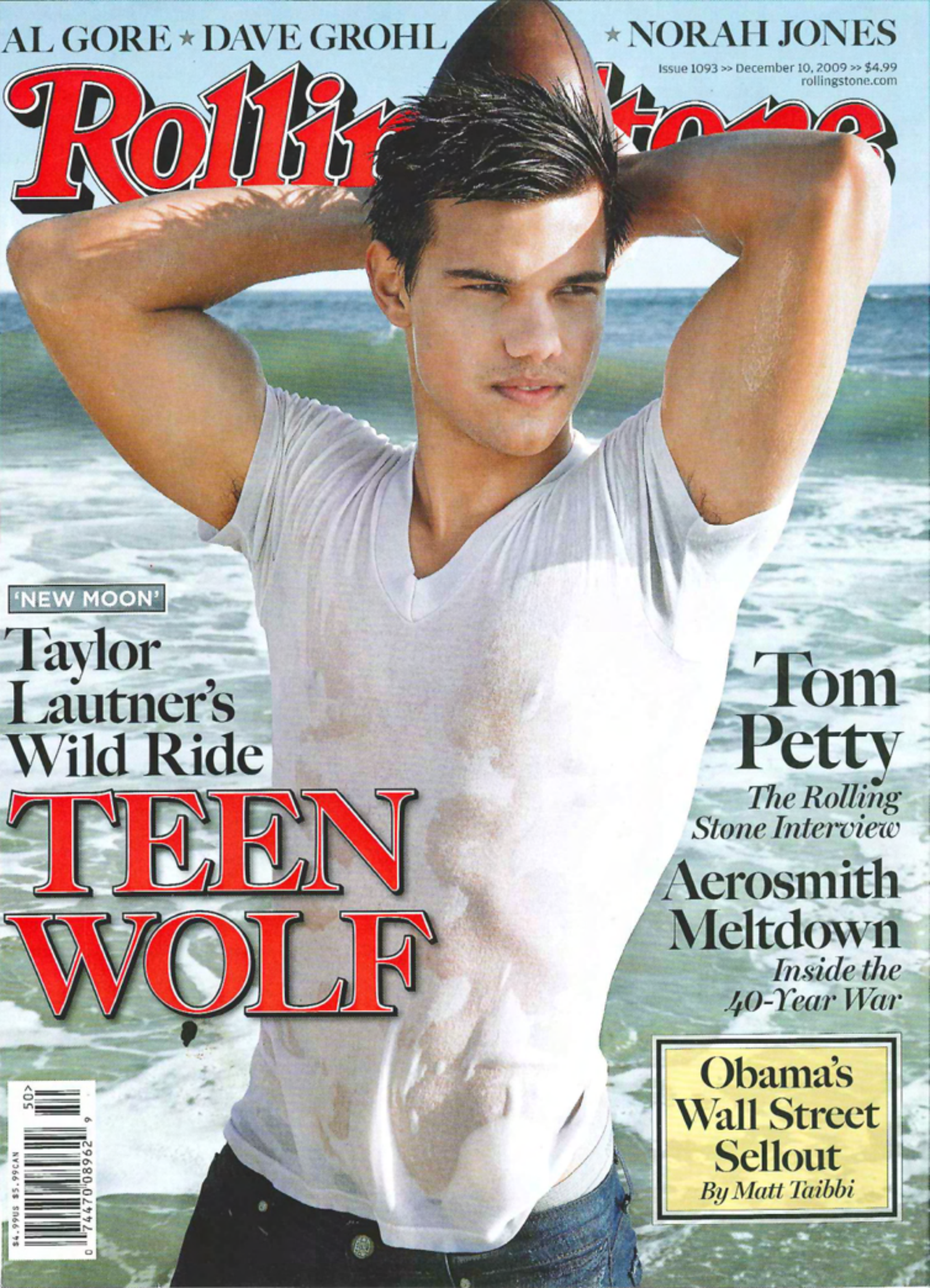


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1. Since 2002, Kidrobot has been making twistedly cute toys that are museum-worthy works of art, from its ubiquitous smoking rabbits to limited-edition figures like Jesse Hernandez's **JAGUAR WARRIOR DUNNY** (\$75; kidrobot.com). 2. Made of vintage toasters and custom-painted by a hot-rod detailer, **HOTTIE AMPS** are the coolest guitar amplifiers around (\$279; hottieamps.com). 3. At 1.2 inches, the Samsung **8000 SERIES 8** edge-tilt 1080p LED TV is so shockingly thin, you may want to stage an intervention (\$2,300 for 46-inch model; samsung.com). You can click on the YouTube widget when you get bored channel-surfing. 4. The ZVOX **Z-BASE 550** is an all-in-one home-theater system in a 3.5-inch-high cabinet that doubles as a TV stand (\$400; zvoxaudio.com). 5. While the existence of a certain smartphone killer remains a myth, the T-Mobile **MYTOUCH 3G** packs the versatility of an iPhone into a smaller, sleeker handset (\$150 with a two-year contract; t-mobile.com).



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