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Co-founder and co-editor of The American Prospect

Later this week, members of both houses of Congress will meet in the final legislative push for financial reform. This is the moment when lobbyists for the banking industry hope to kill provisions that they were unable to block in either the House or Senate. This is no time for reformers to relent. Much of the conference will be in public session -- a break with recent practice -- but backroom deals are likely to determine the final outcome.

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Writer, Real Time with Bill Maher

I think we can all agree that when the state tortures people, that's good, and when strangers see the Palins' lawn, that's Big Brother. Journalist Joe McGinniss walked right into that one when he moved to Wasilla without their permission.

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I spoke to Baker's son about how Josephine became a savior of the House of Dior, who *really* invented that deliciously scandalous string of bananas, and how she became a "guest editor" at *Vogue* (without the editors ever knowing it).

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Author, Executive Coach, and Performance Improvement Consultant

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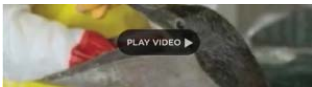
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