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**FORBES WARNS OF THE COMING SHAKEDOWN:
NO MATTER WHO WINS THE ELECTION, THE GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO TAKE
MORE OF YOUR MONEY**

NEW YORK, NY (October 29, 2008) – The latest issue of *Forbes* warns Americans to prepare themselves for the rising cost of government over the next 15 years (**2020 Vision, p. 64**). Budget analysts from both political parties forecast higher federal taxes for the well-off (with an income of over \$250,000) as well as the middle class (any family with an income between \$25,000 and \$250,000). *Forbes* cautions that no matter what the politicians promise, in the long term, the government is going to grab more of your money. Also in this issue:

What Are They Waiting For (p. 32) – Investors are sitting on tons of cash, which is one reason stocks are crashing. With \$7.8 trillion in cash, cashlike securities, Treasury bills and bonds, Americans have plenty of money if they want to buy stocks.

Don't Point That Finger at Me! (p. 34) – The question of who is responsible for the mortgage crisis is one that will be debated for years to come. *Forbes* breaks down who's suing whom, including legal accusations between banks, local governments, investors, and rating agencies.

Computing Our Way Into the Collapse (p. 44) – Are computers to blame for the financial chaos? *Forbes* explores how technology has surpassed our ability to use it wisely.

How to Heal the Health Care System (p. 81) – We can solve the spending crisis if we can unshackle real innovations in the medical industry.

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PLUS:

America's Largest Private Companies (www.forbes.com/private):

- With less capital available, the turnover between public and private companies slowed to a crawl during the past year. In this annual ranking, *Forbes* lists companies with \$1 billion or more in revenues (**Closed Doors, p. 74**).
- *Forbes* takes an in-depth look at Black & Veatch, a 93-year old engineering firm that has made a large part of its living from power plants and is now being reborn as a green company (**Green Power, p. 72**).
- Visit the Web for a listing of all 424 companies, expanded business descriptions, and more.

NHL Valuations (www.forbes.com/nhl):

- Thanks to a rise in the Canadian dollar, teams north of the border posted big revenue gains, according to *Forbes'* annual valuations of the most valuable teams in the NHL (**O Canada, p. 125**).
- Plus, a profile on the Chicago Blackhawks (**Chicago's Comeback, p. 123**).

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